

Proposal to export LPG

1089. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to allow some private companies to export LPG;

(b) if so, details of such proposal including names of entities from which such proposal has been received, along with rationale given by them for making such a proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that as of now country needs to import LPG to meet half its demand;

(d) if so, whether Government is considering rejection of the proposal; and

(e) if not, whether Government is considering acceptance of such a proposal and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) M/s Reliance Industries Limited has *inter alia*, sought permission for export of LPG from their Refinery in Jamnagar SEZ to meet positive Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) earnings. Another proposal from M/s Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited for re-export of LPG from their Mundra and Dhamra Ports in view of demand received by them from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Myanmar, etc.

(c) The domestic production of LPG is not sufficient to meet the domestic demand and deficit is met by imports. During 2017-18, LPG import by OMCs was about 49% of total LPG sale by them.

(d) and (e) In view of (c) above, the request of M/s Reliance Industries Limited regarding permission to export LPG has not been approved. Regarding the request for re-export of LPG by M/s Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have been requested to examine the issue and send comments taking into account all relevant parameters like demand, supply, production of domestic LPG, port constraints, etc.

Supply of CNG to petrol pumps in Hazira, Gujarat

†1090. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions governing supply of CNG to petrol pumps at present;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.