

**Levy of marketing margin by private sector**

1092. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has taken any decision regarding the issue of marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketeers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has submitted its recommendation regarding the marketing margin on the sale of natural gas produced from the domestic fields including fields of the private entities to Urea and LPG producers in the country. Subsequently, after inter-ministerial consultation with various Ministries/Departments including Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government has approved marketing margin upto a maximum of ₹200 per 1000 Standard Cubic Meter (SCM) [@ Net Calorific Value of 10000 kcal/ SCM] which may be levied on any domestic gas being produced within the country and supplied to fertilizer (urea) and LPG producers in the country.

**Sale of oil/gas fields of ONGC and OIL**

1093. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a six-member committee to look at selling off as many as 149 small and marginal oil and gas fields of State-owned ONGC and OIL to private and foreign companies to boost domestic output; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Government has formed a Committee headed by vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog and comprising of Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NITI Aayog, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in October, 2018 to examine the existing and future potential in oil fields, how it can be further enhanced, and see which model is best suited to further explore additional potential/ reserves, and suggest ways for enhancing exploration in the targeted exploration area.