

**Decline in average of oil basket**

1094. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average of country's oil basket declined by 4.74 per cent in October, 2018 while the pump price declined by only 2.14 per cent in October, 2018; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the consumer is being shortchanged by the oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The prices of Indian basket of crude oil and retail selling price of petrol/diesel at Delhi (as per IOCL) on 1st October, 2018 and as on 1st November, 2018 are given as under:—

Particulars	Indian Basket of Crude Oil	Petrol	Diesel
	\$/bbl	₹/Ltr	
Prices as on 1st October, 2018	82.14	83.73	75.09
Prices as on 1st November, 2018	73.09	79.37	73.78

Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined by the Government with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel in line with international product prices and other market conditions. The OMCs have not only increased but also decreased the prices accordingly.

The prices of petroleum products are linked to the price of respective products in the international market and not to that of crude oil. Oil Marketing Companies take a decision on retail selling price after considering various aspects including international product prices, exchange rate, tax structure, inland freight and other cost elements and the pricing formula is based on 15-day moving average of the key cost elements in price build up of petrol and diesel.

**LNG pipeline from Indore to Amaravati**

1095. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil proposed an LNG pipeline from Indore to Amaravati, capital of Andhra Pradesh;