

Collection of personal details of petroleum dealers' employees

1098. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government through Hindustan Petroleum, Indian Oil Corporation has asked the petroleum dealers to share details of the caste, religion and constituency of their employees;

(b) if so, the reasons behind Government move towards getting the personal details of the employees, the details of the notification given to petroleum suppliers; and

(c) whether Government or the public sector oil companies have proposed to block the oil supplies if the details are not shared?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council (HSSC) for the Oil & Gas sector has been set up under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas with its primary objective to execute skill development activities in Indian Hydrocarbon Sector and meeting the entire value chain's requirement of appropriately trained manpower in quantity and quality on a sustained and evolving basis. HSSC has advised that assessment & certification of prior learning is required to be done by the best in-class employers for their retail outlet attendants, LPG delivery personnel and Tank lorry drivers under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Accordingly, all identified employer assessors have been requested to collect the data as per the format of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship circulated by HSSC

(c) There is no such proposal.

Shortage of CNG filling stations

†1099. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of CNG filling stations is being felt in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to increase its numbers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (c) if so, by when; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) At present, 96 Geographical Areas (GAs) across 23 States/Union Territories (UTs) are operational. With the completion of 9th CGD Bidding Round, City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks would be accessible in 180 GAs covering approximately 280 districts (263 complete and 17 part) spread over 26 States and UTs. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has also launched 10th CGD Bidding Round for development of CGD Network covering 50 Geographical Areas spread over 14 states and 124 districts (112 full and 12 part). The CGD entities shall set up Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations as per their work plan. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and GAIL have been given target in their MoU to achieve the number of CNG stations. As on 1.11.2018, 1491 CNG stations are operational in the country.

An authorized CGD entity can set up CNG stations on its own or through agreement with OMCs at their Retail Outlets for supplying CNG at petrol pumps based on their techno- commercial viability. CNG stations can also be set up in the areas not authorized by PNGRB on the basis of NOC given by them.

PNGRB identifies the GAs for the development of CGD networks depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity and natural gas availability.

In order to promote the expansion of City Gas networks, MoP&NG has allocated Domestic gas to meet the entire requirement of PNG (Domestic) and CNG (Transport) segments of CGD sector and it has been kept under no cut category. GAIL has been authorised to supply domestic gas to CGD entities.

Acquisition of oil and gas fields by Indian oil companies

1100. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian oil companies have any aggressive plan to acquire oil and gas fields in overseas countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) which are the countries where shares in oil and gas fields have been acquired by Indian oil companies till now; and