

bid submission deadline as 18th December, 2018. However, after considering the request of various prospective bidders for more time for evaluation of fields and understanding e-bidding process, bid submission deadline was extended till 18th January, 2019. The bid submission deadline was again extended till 30th January, 2019 to provide ample time to prospective bidders to go through the modifications/ amendments made in Model Contract.

(c) The bid submission process under DSF Bid Round-II was completed on 30th January, 2019 and after due evaluation/approvals, twenty three Revenue Sharing Contracts were signed on 07th March, 2019 with successful bidders.

Permission to private companies to sell subsidized LPG

2689. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on allowing private companies to sell subsidized LPG;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the process has already started, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has constituted an Expert Committee to study issues related to parallel marketing system of LPG in the country also taking into consideration the existing structure of LPG marketing in the country. So far, four meetings of the Expert Committee have been held.

Provision of free cooking gas to BPL families

2690. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal/scheme to provide free cooking gas connection to the families in addition to Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified the BPL families for the purpose of providing gas connection;

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(e) the cost of connection per family to be borne by Government and number of connections likely to be released, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (e) In 2016, the Government launched, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for providing 8 crore deposit free LPG connections to adult woman of poor household with financial assistance upto ₹ 1600 per connection. The target for providing of 8 crore LPG connections has been achieved on 7th September, 2019. In addition, applicable subsidy is transferred directly to the bank account of the PMUY beneficiaries. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY is given in Statement.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY

Sl. No.	State/UT	Connections released under PMUY
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,113
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3,90,947
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	44,698
4.	Assam	34,93,420
5.	Bihar	85,66,691
6.	Chandigarh	88
7.	Chhattisgarh	29,98,474
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14,725
9.	Daman and Diu	427
10.	Delhi	76,904
11.	Goa	1,082
12.	Gujarat	29,07,614
13.	Haryana	7,31,167
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1,36,091

1	2	3
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	12,30,064
16.	Jharkhand	32,89,562
17.	Karnataka	31,48,889
18.	Kerala	2,56,347
19.	Lakshadweep	291
20.	Madhya Pradesh	71,78,540
21.	Maharashtra	44,36,342
22.	Manipur	1,56,600
23.	Meghalaya	1,50,748
24.	Mizoram	28,121
25.	Nagaland	55,147
26.	Odisha	47,48,869
27.	Puducherry	13,581
28.	Punjab	12,24,854
29.	Rajasthan	63,91,864
30.	Sikkim	8,752
31.	Tamil Nadu	32,42,661
32.	Telangana	10,74,982
33.	Tripura	2,72,116
34.	Uttar Pradesh	147,79,859
35.	Uttarakhand	4,04,748
36.	West Bengal	88,73,655

Production Enhancement Contract by ONGC

2691. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has already identified two onshore fields for implementation of Production Enhancement Contract;