

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has notified the National Policy on Biofuels-2018 which *inter alia* envisages Used Cooking Oil (UCO) as a potential domestic raw material for production of biodiesel in the country. In order to encourage production of biodiesel from UCO, Oil Marketing Companies have floated Expression of Interest (Eoi) for procurement of biodiesel produced from UCO from 200 locations across the country.

LPG connections provided to BPL families

†1100. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the LPG connections being provided to the BPL families; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. In 2016, the Government had launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for providing 8 crore deposit free LPG connection to the adult woman of poor households. The target has been achieved on 7th September, 2019. The national LPG coverage has now reached to 96.6 % as on 01.11.2019

Adulteration of fuel in the country

†1101. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints regarding adulteration of fuel in the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken any step to contain such complaints and adulteration of fuel, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise/district-wise details of action taken on such complaints during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.