

shortage of some medicines at State run Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. However, medicines, including those of BP and Sugar, are readily available in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e) Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has advised to these states examine the matter and take suitable action. Further, as informed by these State Governments, procurement of medicines from Rate Contract firms is on top priority and if the medicines are not available/ supplied by the firms, Medical Superintendents/In-charges of ESIS Hospitals/dispensaries have been delegated powers to purchase medicines locally, as per rules.

#### **Prices of LPG cylinders**

443. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of subsidised LPG cylinders are increasing every month for the last six months without announcing on media/news papers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has made any mechanism to control the prices of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. However, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Subsidized Domestic LPG and the consumers get the product at subsidized rate.

#### **Gas to FCI in Ramagundam**

444. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to allocate gas to Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) in Ramagundam, Telangana to start the production; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?