Decline in crude oil production

1561. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of the Total quantum of crude oil produced in India since 2015;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the crude oil production in the country is expected to decline in 2019-20, if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (c) the contribution of domestic crude oil production to the country's GDP?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The year wise details of the production of crude oil for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20 (April-January) are given below:

Year	Production of crude oil (in MMT)
2015-16	36.94
2016-17	36.01
2017-18	35.68
2018-19	34.20
2019-20 (April-January)	27.07

- (b) Crude oil production during April-January, 2019-20 was 27.07 MMT which is 5.95% lower when compared with April-January 2018-19 (28.79 MMT). Crude oil production was affected due to various reasons, which *inter alia* include, less than envisaged production, natural decline due to mature fields and reservoir issues in some of the fields, shutdowns taken for maintenance activities, increase in water cut and disruption in field activities due to bandhs.
- (c) As per National Statistical Office data, the contribution of petroleum and natural gas sector in country's total Gross Value Added at constant prices (2011-12) during 2017-18 was 1.38%.

New LPG dealers in rural areas

1562. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government wish to appoint new LPG dealers in rural areas of various States to cater the requirement of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers;
 - (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Appointment of LPG distributorship is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified based on sale potential