

(b) when was the project started and whether there is any time and cost overrun, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is set to be completed and the details of villages and number of households that are going to benefit through the proposed line?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) GAIL is executing 690 km long Srikakulam-Angul natural gas pipeline to cater the Natural gas requirements for the Industrials/Domestic Households consumers passing through ten districts viz. Angul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Khordha, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Kalahandi in the state of Odisha and one district viz. Srikakulam in the State of Andhra Pradesh en-route of the pipeline. It is informed that Project Management Consultant (PMC) has been appointed on 03.01.2020. Order for 24" line pipe length of 80 km has been awarded on 03.01.2020 and the same is under manufacturing and delivery stage. The detailed route survey for mainline has been completed.

(b) Srikakulam-Angul Natural Gas Pipeline (SAPL) has been authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on 23.07.2019. At present, the project is going as per schedule and is expected to be completed within the prescribed schedule.

(c) The target completion date is July, 2022. 367 villages are expected to be benefitted through the proposed pipeline. PNGRB has authorized five Geographical Areas (GAs) en-route of the pipeline for development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. As per minimum work programme submitted to PNGRB, the authorized CGD entities have committed to provide 10.59 lakh Piped Natural Gas (PNG) domestic connections to household in these five GAs.

Reduction in price of oil

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

(a) whether the price of oil has decreased during the last six months due to global lockdown restrictions induced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reduced the price of petrol in the country during the last six months, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage increase in the monthly average price of petrol during the last twelve months, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The monthly average price of Indian Basket of Crude Oil during March to September 2020 is given below:—

Period	Indian Basket of Crude Oil (\$/bbl)
March-2020	33.36
April-2020	19.90
May-2020	30.60
June-2020	40.63
July-2020	43.35
August-2020	44.19
September-2020 (till 9th September 2020)	42.42

(b) Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined by the Government with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. The prices of petrol and diesel are revised on a daily basis on the basis of international prices of these products, exchange rate, tax structure, inland freight and other cost elements. The details of increase/decrease in prices of petrol during the last six months are available at the website of Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) i.e. www.ppac.gov.in.

(c) The percentage increase in the monthly average price of petrol at Delhi during the last twelve months is given below:—

Months	Petrol (₹/litre)	% Increase
Aug-19	72.10	
Sep-19	72.71	0.9%
Oct-19	73.46	1.0%
Nov-19	73.69	0.3%
Dec-19	74.81	1.5%
Jan-20	75.01	0.3%

Months	Petrol (₹/litre)	% Increase
Feb-20	72.23	-3.7%
Mar-20	70.15	-2.9%
Apr-20	69.59	-0.8%
May-20	71.04	2.1%
Jun-20	76.10	7.1%
Jul-20	80.43	5.7%
Aug-20	80.95	0.6%
Sep-20	82.07	1.4%

Note: As provided by IOCL

Gas leakage and fire breakout

448. SHRI RAJEEV SATAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of gas leakage and fire break out in underground natural gas pipelines, refineries and oil fields/wells have gone up;

(b) if so, the details along with number of such incidents and the loss of revenue reported as a result thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether the oil companies/persons and other agencies have been found responsible/involved in such incidents and if so, the details thereof along with action taken by Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Major onsite incidents in the last three years reported to Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), are given below:—

Sector	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (till August 2020)
Pipelines	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Refineries	06	10	07	01
Oil Fields/ Wells	08	06	03	01
TOTAL	14	16	10	02