

period April-July, 2020. This gas also caters to demand of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

(b) IOCL is executing 517 km long Paradip-Haldia-Barauni Oil 30" capacity augmentation pipeline project. IOCL has informed that physical progress of 43.4% has been made as of 31.08.2020.

Further, GAIL is executing Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) with extension of Barauni-Guwahati Pipeline (BGPL) and spur line to Dhamra-Haldia (DHPL) to connect the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Assam. GAIL has informed that out of about 2,655 km of pipeline, approximately 1,401 km has been lowered as of now.

With respect to current development of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL), it is submitted that Government of India has approved Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of 60% of project cost *i.e.* ₹ 5,559 Cr. on 08.01.2020. M/s MECON engaged as Project Management Consultant (PMC). Competent Authorities have been appointed for Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Manipur under P&MP Act, 1962 for acquisition of land. Publication of section 3(1) notification under PMP Act, 1962 has been completed in Assam and Tripura. Various other pre-project activities are being undertaken.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry at present.

Crude oil stockpiling in American strategic reserves

452. SHRI JYOTIRADITYAM. SCINDIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started stockpiling crude oil in American strategic reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for creating oil reserves in the US;

(c) the present situation of crude oil reserves in the country;

(d) whether those crude oil reserves are sufficient to meet India's energy demands; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) to (e) Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), a Government of India Special Purpose Vehicle, has established Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT). As per the consumption pattern of 2019-20, it is estimated to provide for about 9.5 days of national crude oil requirement. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country have storage facilities for crude oil and petroleum products for 64.5 days, thus the current total national capacity for storage of crude oil and petroleum products is 74 days.

Rise in petrol and diesel prices

453. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) the details of the rise in petrol and diesel prices during the last one year;
- (b) whether Government has reasons for increase in petrol and diesel prices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to control the petrol and diesel prices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The details of increase/decrease in prices of petrol/diesel during the last one year are available at the website of Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) *i.e.* www.ppac.gov.in.

(b) and (c) Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined by the Government with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel in line with their international product prices, exchange rate, tax structure, inland freight and other cost elements. The OMCs have not only increased but also decreased the prices accordingly.