

Extra pricing for supplying BS-VI fuel

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

- (a) whether the oil refiners push for extra pricing for supplying BS-VI fuel; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (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. 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.

Further, JOCL has informed that BS VI fuels are superior quality fuels in terms of low Sulphur content (10 PPM Max) besides other improved quality parameters. The production of BS VI fuels entailed huge investment for Indian Refiners. The pricing has been modified accordingly *w.e.f.* 01.04.2020 to partly compensate towards the investment cost incurred.

Increasing price of LPG cylinders

455. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rates of domestic LPG cylinder have increased tremendously during the last two years including a tremendous recent hike of more than ₹140 in the month of February;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether government has any plan to increase subsidy provided on LPG cylinder to BPL families amid recent price hike;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has any mechanism to control the increasing price of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. The prices of petroleum products in the country are