

(b) Details of other sources supplying petroleum products to the State of Andhra Pradesh are as follows :—

Product	Source
LPG	Uran, Hazira, Ratnagiri, Mangalore
MS	Chennai
HSD	Chennai, Jamnagar, Mangalore
SKO	Chennai, Jamnagar, Mangalore
ATF	Chennai
LDO	Budge Budge
FO	Haldia
Bitumen	Chennai, Haldia

(c) There will be no effect as even after the change of ownership due to disinvestment, the new owners would prefer to continue to operate the Refinery at rated capacity and therefore, products would be available for supplies to Andhra Pradesh and also to Chhattisgarh, part of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

Exploration of gas reserves in Gujarat coast

4753. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries has found a gas reserves in Gulf of Cambay of Gujarat Coast;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of gas/petroleum reserves found there; and

(c) by when the commercial production in this area is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. have recently drilled one exploratory well in Block GK-OSJ-1 in Gulf of Kutch but no hydrocarbons were found during testing.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

CNG Shortage in Delhi

4754. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of CNG in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the details thereof regarding supply and consumption;

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(c) whether a large number of buses and autos are seen waiting in queue for gas near the petrol pumps from 6 to 12 hours on both sides of roads thus hampering the smooth flow of traffic; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The average compression capacity of IGL is 11.99 lakh kg. per day and the average daily sale for the month of March, 2003 has been 6.74 lakh kg. per day. IGL is able to fully meet the demand of CNG in Delhi.

(c) No, Sir. For small vehicles there is reportedly no queue outside CNG stations. For buses, however, there are some times small queues especially in the night, since night is lean business hours for buses, therefore, they prefer fueling at night and come in groups which results in some queues.

(d) At present, IGL has 107 CNG stations in operation by June, 2003, this would be increased to 111 to meet the increased demand of CNG.

CNG station on National Highways

4755. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to set up a chain of CNG stations along the National Highways to facilitate CNG motorists without switching to petrol or diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments have also shown interest in setting up of CNG stations along NHs; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, CNG facilities would be gradually expanded in a phased manner to cover major cities. The National and State Highways falling under the distribution network may also be covered with CNG facilities.

(c) Government is not aware of any such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.