

**Increase in price of CNG and PNG**

1635. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to increase the price of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) shortly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the increase in the prices of CNG and PNG will further put the burden on the common man across the country; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The retail price of CNG and PNG in any city is fixed by the concerned City Gas Distribution Company operating in that particular city. The CGD entities also supply gas for industrial and commercial use. The Government *vide* revised guidelines dated 3.2.2014 agreed to meet the entire requirement of CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) through supply of cheaper domestic gas at a uniform base price to all the CGD entities. The price of CNG (transport)/PNG (domestic) is a function of the base price and the different state and local taxes and levies and the pipeline transportation tariff. The price of CNG/PNG for supply to industrial and commercial sectors is a function of the proportion of domestic gas, long term RLNG and spot RLNG, the transportation tariff and the different state and local taxes and levies.

**Damages caused by GAIL pipeline blast**

†1636. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that fierce fire broke-out due to leakage of gas from the pipeline of Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) at Nagaram village of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh on 27 June, 2014;
- (b) if so, the damages caused to life and property in this incident;
- (c) the compensation that has been paid to the victims;
- (d) the reasons for this accident; and

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