

excise, customs, sales tax etc., variation in foreign exchange rates, higher cost of environmental safeguard and rehabilitation measures, higher cost of land acquisition, change in scope of project, higher prices quoted by the bidders in certain disturbed areas, under estimated of the original cost estimates, general price rise and impact of delay.

(d) The measures taken to control cost variations include; approval of projects after ensuring their preparedness and availability of funds, close monitoring for timely implementation, timely approval of revised cost estimates and finance the gap due to increase in cost through increased budgetary support, interanal resources and extra budgetary resources.

[Translation]

#### Subsidy on Petroleum Products

\*619. SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy is being paid on a number of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy paid during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-5, product-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment to find out the benefits of this amount being paid as subsidy to the consumers;

(d) if so, the consumer price of these items during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 on which subsidy is being paid; and

(e) the proportionate increase in the administrative expenditure in the Public Sector undertakings functioning under the Ministry during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (e). The estimated amount of subsidy for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 on major petroleum products has been as under :

	Rs./Crores		
	Subsidy		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
SKO (Domestic)	3304	3773	3740
LPG (Domestic)	1176	1261	1410
Naphtha (Fertilizer use)	532	503	520
FO (Fertilizer use)	148	157	200
LSHS (Fertilizer use)	135	102	130
HSD	120	575	430
Bitumen (Packed)	152	126	110
Paraffin Wax	119	89	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>5686</b>	<b>6596</b>	<b>6560</b>

The prices of Kerosene and LPG (Domestic) are so structured as to provide these items at subsidised rates to vulnerable sections of society and to reduce dependence on fuels such as domestic coal, Biomass for household purposes.

Consumer prices of SKO, HSD and LPG would vary from state to state depending upon local levies and transportation charges. However, the consumer prices of SKO (Domestic), HSD and LPG (Domestic) at Delhi are given below :

Effective Date	SKO(DOM) per Ltr.	HSD per Ltr.	LPG(DOM) per cylinder (14.2 kg.)
16-9-1992	2.52	6.11	82.55
14-1-1994	2.54	6.17	93.85
2-2-1994	2.54	6.98	93.85
10-4-1995	2.57	6.99	93.38

[English]

#### Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline Project

\*620. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has invited fresh global tender for supply of line pipes for the Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline project;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the number of tenders received;

(c) whether any contract has been awarded in this regard;

(d) if so, the terms and conditions thereof; and

(e) the original cost of this project and the time schedule for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (d). IOC had initially floated global tender in June, 1991 for procurement of line pipes along with financing package. However, the tender was closed on July, 1993. IOC floated a fresh global tender in June, 1993 and pursuant to that 9 tenders were received and out of those, contracts were awarded to 3 parties. The names of the parties with main terms and conditions of the contract are as under :

(i) M/s. Tubacero S.A. De C.V., Mexico, for 686 Kms line pipe for 22"OD x 65 Grade (0.25" WT & 0.469" WT) on FOB basis with supply to be completed by June 1994.

(ii) M/s. Confab Trading S.A., Brazil for 171 Kms line pipe for 22" OD x Grade (0.250"WT) on C&F basis. The supply to be completed by March 1994.