GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:537 ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002 LPG THROUGH PIPELINES AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

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

- (a) whether the Government have any long term plan to ask PSU oil companies to provide piped LPG gas to domestic consumers;
- (b) if so, the companies which have taken the lead in this innovation;
- (c) the inhibitions in encouraging piped gas to be used;
- (d) whether vested interests in the petroleum sector are obstructing such a policy;
- (e) whether the Government are aware that in other countries, LPG is supplied only through pipelines; and
- (f) if so, the steps proposed to start development of piped LPG supply to domestic users?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 537 TO ANSWERED ON 2ND MAY, 2002 REGARDING LPG THROUGH PIPELINES

(a) to (f): At present, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are supplying LPG through bulk LPG / cylinder manifold installatior (piped/reticulated system) to domestic customers on pilot basis in Visakhapatnam, Bangalore and Mumbai. M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has taken initiative to introduce the reticulated system in individual societies in various cities. In the deregulated scenario, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies would be free to adopt different modes of supply of LPG to the consumers keeping in view their market interest and customers` needs. As per the available information, in some countries distribution of LPG through piped/reticulated system is prevalent.