GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3772 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2010 INTRODUCTION FO FIBER GLASS GAS CYLINDERS Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

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

- (a) whether fiber glass gas cylinders have been found completely safe;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce fibre glass LPG cylinders in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether all LPG cylinders will be made of fiber instead of steel; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): Government has advised Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to call for a global expression of interest to set up facilities for manufacturing of composite cylinders domestically. The domestically produced composite cylinders may be introduced as an alternative to the standard steel cylinders for those willing to pay a higher initial security deposit with the LPG refills given at subsidized domestic LPG prices.

The composite cylinders will be translucent and will show the level of LPG present in the cylinder. Handling of these cylinders would be easier as they will be lighter in weight than steel cylinders.