GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1212 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014 PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SECTOR OMCS

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

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are in financial crisis due to huge under-recoveries in pricing of certain petroleum products in the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of subsidy provided by the Government to such companies along with the reasons for delay, if any, in providing such subsidies during the said period, OMC/ product-wise;
- (c): the performance of Public Sector Undertakings under control of the Ministry and profit/loss incurred by them during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to change the subsidy formula/review credit facility to OMCs for import of crude oil and other reforms in order to enable them to compete globally and explore global markets; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof along with the plan chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) & (b): In order to insulate the common man from the impact of high international oil prices and domestic inflationary conditions, the Government has been modulating the prices of Petrol (upto 25.06.2010), Diesel (upto 18.10.2014), PDS Kerosene and Subsidized Domestic LPG resulting in incidence of under recoveries to the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on the sale of these products. The Government has evolved a Burden Sharing Mechanism to share the under recoveries in the following manner:
- (i) Government through budgetary assistance;
- (ii) Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies namely, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) by way of price discount on Crude oil and products.
- (iii) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, by absorbing a part of the under-recoveries.

The details of total under-recovery incurred by the OMCs and the compensation

provided by the Government since 2011-12 is given below:

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Year Total Assistance by Government

Under- through Budget
recovery
Crore Crore %

2011-12 138541 83500 60%

2012-13 161029 100000 62%

2013-14 139869 70772 51%

H1, 2014-15 51110 17000 33%
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Budgetary assistance by the Government is a part of the Burden Sharing Mechanism and depends upon various factors including availability of budget provision, share of upstream oil companies and the capacity of the OMCs to absorb under recoveries.

(c): The Net profit/loss reported by the PSU oil companies since 2011-12 is as under:

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(`crore)
Companies 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 H1, 2014-15
Upstream Oil Companies
ONGC 25123 20926 22095 10227
OIL 3447 3589 2981 1460
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GAIL 3654 4022 4375 1924
Downstream Oil
Companies / OMCs
IOCL 3954 5005 7019 1624
HPCL 911 905 1734 896
BPCL 1311 2643 4061 1680
Stand Alone Refineries
MRPL 909 -757
601 -988
CPCL 62 -1767 -304 277
NRL 184 144 371 177
Others
EIL 636 629 480 139

(d) & (e): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.