

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2220
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th DECEMBER, 2018

Level Playing Field to LPG

2220. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the apex body of auto LPG suppliers has urged the Government to give them a level playing field as LPG is as effective as CNG in curbing vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government allows city gas operators a choice of CNG and auto LPG outlets to increase the existing 1,200 auto LPG outlets available at present and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that LPG as a fuel in automobiles is clear than CNG as it is easier to handle and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (d) Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC), a body setup for promotion of Auto LPG Industry in India, had sent a representation to the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas requesting for support for effecting a fast and sustainable rollout of Auto LPG in the country. This Ministry has requested Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for simplification of Type Approval Norms for LPG and CNG fuelled vehicles under Central Motor Vehicles rules, issuance of advisory for commercial/Government owned vehicles to mandate conversion to Auto LPG in 188 cities and assure Original Equipment Manufacturers of government's support to Auto LPG as one of the cleaner fuels and encourage them to support cleaner fuels by launching Auto LPG variants.

(c) As per existing practice, Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) are currently commissioned at existing Retail Outlets of OMCs and the OMCs are presently operating 663 ALDS across the country. Further, there are 1477 CNG stations across the country as on 01.10.2018 operated by different entities.

