## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 322 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8 DECEMBER, 2022

### **One Time Grant to Oil Marketing Firms**

#### 322. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

# पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has approved one time grant, amounting to Rs. 22,000 crore, to public sector oil marketing firms to cover the losses they have faced over the last two years in domestic LPG cylinder supplies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the international prices for LPG have risen by 300 per cent between June, 2020 and June, 2022;
- (d) if so, whether it is true that domestic LPG prices have been raised by only 72 per cent during this period; and
- (e) if so, the details of the subsidy component on each LPG cylinder supplied to the domestic customers during the said period?

#### **ANSWER**

# पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir. The Government has approved a one time grant of Rs. 22,000 crore to three Public Sector Undertaking Oil Marketing Companies (PSU OMCs) viz. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to ensure unhindered domestic LPG supplies in the country.

The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. India imports about 58% of its domestic LPG consumption. LPG prices are based on Saudi Contract Prices (CP) which rose from 236 \$/MT in April 2020 and 340 \$/MT in May 2020 to 952 \$/MT in April 2022 and 856 \$/MT in May 2022. The Retail Selling Prices of 14.2 Kg Domestic LPG cylinder (Delhi), which correspond to the Saudi CP of previous month, have risen from Rs. 581.50 in May 2020 and Rs. 593 in June 2020 to Rs. 1003 in May 2022 and June 2022.

Subsidy to consumers which inter-alia includes targeted subsidy to PMUY beneficiaries, varies from market to market due to different inland freight from ports to bottling plants to markets. The subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank account of eligible beneficiaries.