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Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of May, 2018.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the monthly summary pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of May, 2018.

Sd/- 8th June 2018
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To

1. All Members of Council of Ministers (As per list).
2. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary to the President of India, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary to the Vice-President of India, 6 Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi.
5. Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, South Block, New Delhi.
6. Secretary, Ministry of Power.
7. Secretary, Ministry of Coal.
8. Secretary, Ministry of Mines.
9. Secretary, Department of Fertilizer.
10. Secretary, Department of Chemical & Petrochemical.
11. Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
12. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change.
13. Secretary, Ministry of Finance.
14. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.
15. Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.
16. Vice-Chairman & Members, NITI Aayog (12 copies).
17. Chairman, Union Public Service Commission.
18. All Officers of MoP&NG/All Sections of MoP&NG.
19. Technical Director (NIC), MoPNG-with a request to upload on the website of the Ministry.

Monthly Summary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of May, 2018.

The important developments pertaining to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas during May, 2018 are listed below:

1. A delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship visited Abu Dhabi, UAE from 12-14, May to attend ADNOC Downstream Investment Forum. The visit was also to follow up on the state visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to UAE in February, 2018. During the visit of PM, Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL) signed Amended and Restated Agreement on Oil Storage and Management with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) of UAE. Under the Agreement ADNOC will store about 5.86 million barrels of crude oil in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) facility at Mangalore at its own cost. During the visit, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, along with H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State and ADNOC Group CEO witnessed the loading of first consignment of 2 million barrels of ADNOC crude for Mangalore Cavern on 12.5.2018. India received the cargo of UAE crude oil on 21.5.2018 for filling up one of the two caverns built by ISPRL at Mangalore.
2. The Committee of Parliament on Official Language inspected IOCL (02.05.2018), BPCL (21.05.2018) and IOCL (23.05.2018) offices in Lucknow, Siliguri and Gangtoak respectively and assessed the progress of Hindi in these offices.
3. A meeting of the Standing Committee on Petroleum & Natural Gas on the subject 'Litigations involving Oil PSUs' was held on 30th May, 2018 at Parliament Library Building, New Delhi.
4. The Open Acreage Licensing Policy Bid round has been successfully completed with receipt of 110 bids for 55 blocks on offer. Bid opening process was completed on 8th May, 2018.
5. PNGRB has invited bids under "9th CGD Bidding Round" covering 174 districts (156 complete and 18 part) grouped in 86 Geographical Areas. They are spread over 22 states and UTs and cover 24% of India's area and 29% population. Selected bidders for the Gas would create infrastructure and supply Natural Gas to domestic Customers, vehicles, industries and commercial customers. To give wide publicity to these activities, PNGRB has organised Road shows at Delhi, Dehradun, Jaipur, Bhopal, Guwahati, Hyderabad and Dubai in the month of May, 2018.
6. As on 28.05.2018, more than 4.10 crore LPG connections have been given to BPL families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The Cabinet has approved the increase of target from 5 crore to 8 crore. The scope of eligible beneficiaries has been expanded by including SC/STs households of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (Gramin), Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest dwellers, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Tea & Ex-Tea Garden Tribes, peoples residing in islands and rivers in addition to SECC list. As on 28.05.2018, PAHAL (DBTL) Scheme has been joined by 20.83 crore LPG consumers and more than 1.04 crore customers

have given up LPG subsidy under “GiveltUp” initiative. In FY 2017-18, 1383 new LPG distributorships have been commissioned and 2463 LOIs have been issued.

7. Under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, 11690 villages out of 16850 villages have been saturated and 7,83,045 LPG connections have been issued to the beneficiaries during the campaign as on 31.05.2018. Action has been initiated to implement the Extended GSA in the 115 Aspirational districts from 01.06.2018 to 15.08.2018.

8. Domestic crude oil production for the month of May, 2018 was 3003 TMT as against production target of 3011 TMT, showing an achievement of 99.73%. Natural gas production for the month of May, 2018 was 2726 MMSCM as against production target of 2772 MMSCM, showing an achievement of 98.34%.

9 During May, 2018, the price of the Indian Basket of Crude oil varied between \$71.21 and \$78.10 per barrel and the average price was \$75.29 per barrel as compared to average price of \$ 69.30 per barrel in April, 2018.

10. As per the Refinery Gate Price (RGP) effective 1st May, 2018, OMCs are expected to incur an under recovery/DBTL Subsidy amounting to Rs. 576 crore and Rs. 1711 crore during May, 2018 on sale of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG respectively. The expected under recoveries/subsidy of the OMCs for the FY 2018-19 in respect of PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG (Under DBTL) is Rs 4206 crore and Rs. 28067 crore respectively. The subsidy to the consumers on subsidized domestic LPG was Rs. 159.29 per cylinder (14.2 kg) effective 1st May, 2018 and Rs. 15.19 per litre on PDS Kerosene effective 16th May, 2018.

11. For Ethanol Supply Year 2017-18, tender has been floated for the quantity of 313 crore litres of ethanol against which, the allocated quantity is 158.83 crore litres and supplied quantity as on 21.05.2018 is 59.08 crore litres. Purchase Orders have been issued by Oil Marketing Companies for supply of 7.6 crore litres of biodiesel. Supplies have started during May, 2018.
