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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of September, 2019.

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 September, 2019.



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11. Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
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13. Secretary, Ministry of Finance.
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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.

Copy also to: Ms. Rachna Shah, JS (Cabinet) Cabinet Sectt., Rastrapati Bhawan- for information.

**Monthly Summary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of September, 2019.**

1. The Union Cabinet, on 03.09.2019 approved signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation on the use of Natural Gas for Transportation. The MoU was signed on 04.09.2019 during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Russia.
2. Prime Minister and his Nepal counterpart Shri K.P. Sharma Oli on 10.9.2019 jointly inaugurated the Motihari (India) – Amlekhganj (Nepal) petroleum product pipeline.
3. In furtherance to India-US Strategic Energy Partnership, an MoU was signed between Tellurian Inc., a US natural gas company and Petronet LNG Ltd., India's LNG supplier, to explore buying upto 5 MMT LNG through equity investment in Driftwood in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 21<sup>st</sup> September at Houston.
4. A delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas visited Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar from 07.09.2019 – 12.09.2019 to attend the Ministerial Round Table - World Energy Leader's Summit in UAE and to have bilateral discussions on Oil and Gas with his counterparts in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
5. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas met Mr. Igor Sechin, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO, Rosneft and Former Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on 17.9.2019 in New Delhi. The meeting focussed on bilateral energy cooperation and the establishment of an efficient energy bridge between two countries based on the vertical integration concept.
6. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas laid the foundation stone of Biofuel Complex of IOCL at Gorakhpur on 18.09.2019.
7. Secretary, PNG visited Houston, USA from 19.09.2019 – 22.09.2019 to participate in CEO Roundtable Meeting chaired by Prime Minister with CEOs of oil and gas industry.
8. CCEA approved the Note on 'Revision of Ethanol Price for supply to Public Sector OMCs for Ethanol Supply Year 2019-20' in its meeting held on 03.09.2019. For the first time, ethanol production has been allowed from sugar and sugar syrup. Prices, of all categories of ethanol have been increased to give a boost to production of ethanol.
9. A meeting of CoS was held on 05.09.2019 to discuss 'Procurement of ethanol from Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme' among other items.
10. Meeting of Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes (2019-20) was held on 09.09.2019 at New Delhi for examination of issues having subject "Measures undertaken to secure representation of OBCs in employment and for their welfare in PSUs and other organizations under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

11. In the month of September, 2019, more than 4 lakh connections have been released under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the target of releasing 8 crore LPG connections under PMUY has been achieved almost seven months in advance of the target date i.e. March 2020. As on 30.09.2019, 25.69 crore LPG customers have joined PAHAL (DBTL) Scheme and more than 12 lakh customers have joined this scheme in the month of May, 2019. As on 30.09.2019, more than 1.03 crore customers have given up LPG subsidy under "Give it Up" initiative.
12. Domestic crude oil production for the month of September, 2019 was 2631 TMT as against production target of 2848 TMT, showing an achievement of 92.37%. Natural Gas production for the month of September, 2019 was 2566 MMSCM as against production target of 2815 MMSCM, showing an achievement of 91.16%.
13. During September, 2019, the price of the Indian Basket of Crude oil varied between \$ 57.12 and \$ 67.34 per barrel and the average price was \$ 61.73 per barrel as compared to average price of \$ 59.35 per barrel in August, 2019.
14. As per the Refinery Gate Price (RGP) effective from 1st September, 2019, OMCs are expected to incur an under recovery/DBTL Subsidy amounting to Rs. 158 crore and Rs. 668 crore during September, 2019 on sale of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG respectively. The expected under recoveries/subsidy for the FY 2019-20 in respect of PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG (Under DBTL) is Rs 2,730 crore and Rs. 35,885 crore respectively (based on crude oil price of \$ 66/bbl). The total subsidy to the consumers on subsidized domestic LPG is Rs. 79.62 per cylinder (14.2 kg) for PMUY customers and Rs. 58.62 per cylinder (14.2 kg) for non-PMUY customers effective from 1st September, 2019 and Rs. 5.48 per litre on PDS Kerosene effective from 16th September, 2019.
15. Tender for the Ethanol Supply Year 2018-19 for 329 crore litres was floated by OMCs. OMCs have allocated 268.73 crore litres against the offers received. OMCs have received 169.02 crore litres as on 30.09.2019.
16. Total procurement of biodiesel has been 5.94 crore litres for the period April August, 2019. Out of this, OMCs have procured 1.53 crore liters of biodiesel during August, 2019 for blending with HSD.
17. In response of Expression of Interest floated for procurement of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) under Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT initiative), IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, GAIL and IGL have issued 414 Letter of Intents till September, 2019.