

Monthly Summary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of July, 2021

1. Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs had a telecommunication with H.E. Dr Muhammad Abd Alatef Al-Faris, **Minister of Oil of Kuwait on 22nd July 2021**. Kuwait is an important partner in our energy security matrix. They had a discussion on further expanding the excellent bilateral engagement in the hydrocarbons sector between the two countries.

Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas had a meeting with His Royal Highness, Prince Abdul Aziz bin Salman Al Saud, **Minister of Energy of Saudi Arabia** through Telecommunication on **15th July 2021** and had a discussion on strengthening bilateral energy partnership and on developments in the global energy markets.

Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs had a courtesy call with **H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**, UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and MD & Group CEO of ADNOC Group on **13th July 2021** and had a discussion on ways of further strengthening mutual cooperation between the two countries in the hydrocarbon sector.

The 4th meeting of Working Group on Responsible Oil & Gas Pillar under the revamped **India- US Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)** was held through VC on **16th July 2021**. The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary (IC), MoP&NG on the Indian side, while the US side was led by Mr. Ryan Peay, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS), Office of Oil & Natural Gas Department of Energy (DOE).

2. DSF-III was launched on 10th June 2021 by then Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Thereafter on 30.07.2021 a Promotional Road show on DSF-III was organized in presence of Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Hardeep Singh Puri.

3. Domestic crude oil production during **July 2021** was 2547 TMT, showing 96.2% achievement over the target (2649 TMT) for the month and 96.7% achievement over the production (2634 TMT) of corresponding month of last year. Natural gas production during **July 2021** was 2868 MMSCM, showing 89.1% achievement over the target (3220 MMSCM) for the month and 117.4% achievement over the production (2443 MMSCM) of corresponding month of last year.

4. During July, 2021, the price of the Indian Basket of Crude oil varied between \$ 69.56 and \$ 75.97 per barrel and the average price was \$ 73.54 per barrel as compared to average price of \$ 71.98 per barrel in June, 2021.

5. As per the Refinery Gate Price (RGP), OMCs are expected to incur NIL under recovery on sale of PDS Kerosene and subsidy (DBTL) amount of Rs. 89.34 crores on sale of domestic LPG during the month of July, 2021. The expected under recoveries/subsidy for the F.Y. 2021-22 in respect of PDS Kerosene and Domestic

LPG (Under DBTL) is NIL and Rs. 1072 crores respectively. There is no subsidy to the consumers on subsidized domestic LPG (at Delhi market) as on 1st July, 2021. There is NIL under recovery on PDS Kerosene effective from 1st July, 2021.

6. During the period April-June, 2021, OMCs have procured 548 KL of biodiesel for blending with diesel. OMCs have floated Expression of Interest (Eoi) for procurement of Biodiesel produced from UCO across 300 locations in the country. OMCs have received offers for setting up 51 Biodiesel Plants with a production capacity of approx 39 cr. Litres/annum. Against this 20 KL of Bio diesel has been received by the OMCs during the financial year 2021-2022.

7. For Ethanol supply Year (ESY) 2020-21 Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) floated a tender for 458 litre against which LOI's for 359.88 crore litre have been issued as on 26.07.2021. Suppliers have since supplied 202.68 crore litre till 26.07.2021 enabling 8.00% average blending percentage.

8. Steering Committee of CHT for PM JIVAN Yojana has approved financial assistance to 4 Commercial Projects at Panipat (IOCL), Bargarh (BPCL), Bhatinda (HPCL), and Numaligarh (NRL) and one demonstration project of IOCL at Panipat under the scheme.

9.. In the Month of July, more the 6.2 lakh new LPG connections were issued. As on 2nd August, 2021, 27.27 crore LPG consumers are availing subsidy under PAHAL scheme. Till date, more than 1.08 crore customers have given up their LPG subsidy under 'Giveltup' campaign.

10. The number of Lols issued and distributorships commissioned in the month of July, 2021 on Industry basis are 7 and 10 respectively.

11. As on 31.7.2021 total 25770 Retail Outlets have been solarized