

Monthly Summary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the month of January, 2022

1. Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs had a telephonic conversation with His Excellency Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber (UAE Minister of Industry & Advanced Technology, UAE's special envoy for Climate Change and Chairman of Masdar) on 24th January 2022 during which oil and gas engagements with UAE were discussed.
2. Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs had a virtual meeting with Mr. Tony Fountain, Chairman Nayara Energy on 25th January 2022 and discussed the roadmap for increasing the company's investments in India, particularly in the ever expanding petrochemical market.
3. During the period from April to December, 2021, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have procured 548 KL of Biodiesel for blending with diesel. OMCs are regularly floating Expression of Interest (Eoi) for procurement of Biodiesel produced from Used Cooking Oil (UCO). OMCs have received offers for setting up of 61 Biodiesel Plants with a proposed production capacity of approx. 38 crore litres/annum.
4. For the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22, OMCs have floated a tender for 459 crore litres for procurement of ethanol against which LOI's for 385.49 crore litres have been issued as on 30.01.2022. Out of this, OMC's have received 58.62 crore litres ethanol till 30.01.2022. This has enabled blending of 9.26% in the month of January 2022 and for the current ESY overall blending stood at 8.64% as on 30.01.2022.
5. Nearly 8.3 lakh new LPG connections were issued in the month of January, 2022 by the OMCs. A total of 99.14 lakh connections have been released under Ujjwala 2.0 till 31.01.2022 since the launch of the scheme.
6. As on **30.01.2022**, 28.21 crore LPG consumers are availing subsidy under the PAHAL scheme. Till date, more than 1.08 crore customers have given up their LPG subsidy under 'GiveItUp' campaign.
7. Domestic crude oil production during January, 2022 was 2506 TMT, showing 93.9% achievement against target (2669 TMT) for the month. It is 97.4% of 2573 TMT production in the corresponding month of last year.

8. Natural gas production during January, 2022 was 2852 MMSCM, showing 86.5% achievement over the target (3297 MMSCM) for the month and 111.8% achievement over the production (2551 MMSCM) of corresponding month of last year.
9. During January, 2022, the price of the Indian Basket of Crude oil varied between \$77.89 and \$89.41 per barrel. The average price this month was \$84.67 per barrel as compared to average price of \$73.30 per barrel in December, 2021.
10. Taking Refinery Gate Price (RGP) as reference, 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 January, 2022. 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 January, 2022. There is NIL under recovery on PDS Kerosene as on 1st January, 2022.
11. The number of Lols issued and distributorships commissioned for LPG in the month of January, 2022 on Industry basis are 19 and 22 respectively.
12. As on 31.01.2022, total 27189 Retail Outlets have been solarised.
13. As on 31.12.2021, 3628 CNG filling Stations, 85.06 Lakh PNG Connections (Domestic), 33.79 thousand PNG Connections (Commercial) and 12.88 thousand PNG Connections (Industrial) were commissioned in the Country.
14. As on 31.01.2022, 3134 Lol have been issued under SATAT.
15. A roundtable on Indo-Brazil collaboration on Biofuels in the automobile sector was organized on 11th January 2022, under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (India) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (Brazil).
16. Sea Water Desalination plant at MRPL has been commissioned on 30.12.2021 with capacity of 30 MLD (Million Litre per Day) expendable to 70 MLD. The project cost is 637 Crores. This will make MRPL free from dependence on the Nethravathi River for water requirements.

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