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ANSWERED ON
LPG CONNECTIONS FOR BPL FAMILIES .

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to supply LPG connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families free of cost ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would continue with the subsidy given to LPG cylinders to BPL families even if it is lifted for others ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether there is any plan to introduce 5 kg. LPG cylinders particularly for BPL families ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Formulation of a plan scheme for providing one time financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for acquiring new LPG connection is under active consideration.

(d) & (e) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have introduced 5 kg domestic LPG cylinders with effect from August, 2002 in order to meet the demand of low-income groups in urban, semi-urban, rural pockets, including Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and also extend the reach of LPG to the hilly terrain and interior areas in the country on account of convenience in transportation. As on 01.10.2010, OMCs have provided 3.61 lakh connections of 5 Kg LPG cylinders in the country.