

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2022**

Kerosene quota for fishing sector in Kerala

149. Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to provide special quota of kerosene for fishing sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will heed to the incessant demands for providing kerosene subsidy for fishing sector;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) whether Government is aware of the fact that the hardships being faced by the fishing sector in Kerala has been exacerbated due to the reduction in the allocation of kerosene to the State as well as owing to its price hike; and
- (f) if so, the details of actions proposed to be taken to mitigate these difficulties?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (f) Government makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene for cooking and lighting purpose on quarterly basis to States/UTs. Vide order dated 21st August 2012, Government has empowered States/ UTs to draw an allocation of one month's quota of PDS Kerosene at Non- Subsidized rates during each financial year for special needs such as natural calamities, religious functions, fisheries, various yatras etc. Distribution plan of non-subsidised PDS kerosene is decided by the respective State/UT.

Annual allocation of non-subsidised PDS Kerosene is done by Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) in the beginning of each financial year. States/UTs may seek further additional allocation after exhausting available quota.

In addition to the annual allocation of 3084 KL of non- subsidized PDS Kerosene, considering the request of Government of Kerala, additional allocation had also been made, making an overall allocation of 21888 KL of non subsidized PDS SKO for year the 2021-22. Effective 1st March, 2020, NIL under-recovery is maintained on pan India basis for the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene.
