

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2532
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2022**

Kerosene for fishing boats

2532. Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) the reason for stopping the distribution of subsidized kerosene for fishing boats through PDS;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the unavailability of subsidized kerosene will put huge burden on the fishermen;
- (c) if so, whether Government will ensure the availability of subsidized kerosene; and
- (d) the details of the amount of subsidy on kerosene provided by Government in the last five years, year wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) 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 and controlled 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. Further, for the year 2022-23, an allocation of 148524 KL non subsidized PDS Kerosene has been made for States/UTs.

- (d) The details of subsidy/under recovery on PDS kerosene provided by Government in last five years are given below:

(In Rs Crore)

Particulars	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Under recoveries on PDS Kerosene	4,672	5,950	1,833	-	-
Direct Benefit Transfer – Kerosene (DBTK)Subsidy	113	98	42	-	-
Total Subsidy/Under recovery on PDS Kerosene	4,785	6,048	1,875	-	-

Effective 1st March, 2020, NIL under-recovery is maintained on pan India basis for the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene.
