

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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MAXIMUM REFILL LIMIT OF DOMESTIC LPG GAS CYLINDER

3008 DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

- (a) whether the number of domestic LPG gas cylinders for customers has been capped and customers can buy only 15 cylinders now whereas earlier there was no such quota, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is aware that most of the families buy cylinders in the black market to meet their requirement which puts unnecessary burden on them;
- (c) whether the availability of domestic LPG gas in the country has reduced to such an extent that expensive gas cylinders are not being supplied despite Government removing all subsidies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government intends to do away with this capping rule?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Per capita consumption of domestic LPG for the year 2021-22 was 6 refills (14.2 Kg). With a view to curb the possibility of diversion of domestic LPG cylinders for non-domestic/commercial usages, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have put a cap of 15 refills of 14.2 kg cylinders in a financial year. However, the domestic LPG customers can avail subsequent refills beyond the refill cap by submitting request with justification at their respective LPG distributorships.

Government has taken several steps to ensure the availability of LPG to all households in the country which include hassle free connections, portability of LPG connection, LPG refill portability, option to apply online for new connection, release of e-subscription vouchers etc.

There is adequate availability of domestic LPG in the country. OMCs import LPG to meet the LPG demand in the country and maintain smooth supply of LPG. The supply demand scenario is monitored on regular basis and additional imports are tied up as and when required.

Further, OMCs carry out surprise inspections at distributors premises, surprise check at customer's premises, en-route checking of delivery vehicles etc. to prevent the diversion of domestic LPG.