

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2443

TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY 2017

IRREGULARITIES IN LPG CONNECTIONS

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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Government has received a number of complaints of irregularities in providing LPG connections on demand basis and if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons on waiting list for getting LPG connection and the number of consumers provided LPG connections against annual booking during the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) the State/UT-wise number of LPG connections in urban and rural areas separately and average consumption of LPG per household in rural areas along with the steps taken to provide LPG connections in rural/tribal areas in the country during the said period, State/UTwise including Bihar;

(c) the number of LPG consumers who have surrendered subsidy during the said period along with the amount spent towards advertisement for creating awareness and motivation of consumers during the said period;

(d) the State/UT-wise details of subsidised/non-subsidised domestic LPG consumers in the country and per cylinder subsidy being provided to consumers at present along with any proposal to phase out the LPG subsidy in the country; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to open LPG agencies in rural areas to ease the availability of LPG in rural and tribal areas of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with special arrangements/facility made under the said scheme for the tribal area of Odisha?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Release of LPG connections is a continuous process. LPG distributors are under instruction to release new connections on demand and, as and when waiting list arises, liquidate the same within seven days after carrying out necessary de-duplication on submission of Know Your Customer (KYC) form along with documents in respect of valid Proof of Identity and valid Proof of Address by the prospective consumer. State/UT-wise details of waiting list of prospective consumers as on 01.07.2017 and State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released in the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17 and from April 2017 to June 2017, including State of Rajasthan, are at Annexure-I.

(b) State/UT-wise details of Urban and Rural consumers, including in the State of Bihar, are at Annexure-II. Estimated average consumption of LPG in rural areas was 5.4 cylinders per household of 14.2 kg. in the year 2016 -17.

In order to provide clean cooking fuel to every poor household in the country, the Government has launched PMUY to provide 5 crore new LPG connections to the women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families over a period of three years starting from Financial Year 2016-17. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have already released more than 2.5 crore connections under the Scheme within a span of 14 months since the launch of Scheme on 1st May, 2016.

(c) So far, more than one crore LPG consumers have given up their LPG subsidy under the 'GiveltUp' campaign. OMCs have reported an expenditure of nearly Rs. 66 crore till 31.03.2017 on account of popularising GiveltUp campaign.

(d) State/UT-wise details of subsidised/non-subsidised domestic LPG consumers in the country are at Annexure-III.

Price of LPG is revised on monthly basis. The subsidy on LPG varies from market to market bases on Retail Selling Price of the cylinder. The subsidy amount on a 14.2 kg

cylinder transferred to the account of a consumer in Delhi, for the month of July 2017, is Rs. 86.54.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were authorized to increase price of Subsidized Domestic LPG cylinder by Rs. 2 per cylinder (14.2 kg) per month (excluding VAT as applicable in different State / Union territories) with effect from 1st July 2016. The Government vide its order dated 30th May, 2017 has again authorized OMCs to continue to increase the effective price of subsidized domestic LPG by Rs. 4 per cylinder effective from 1st June, 2017 per month (excluding VAT as applicable in different State/Union Territories) till the reduction of Government subsidy to "NIL", or till March 2018, or till further orders, whichever is earliest. The price for the other subsidized cylinders (i.e. 5 kg etc.) would be increased proportionately by OMCs.

(e) Setting up of LPG distributorship is a continuous process. As on 01.07.2017, there are 18950 LPG distributorship in the country. OMCs have advertised 2843 locations including 400 locations in the State of Odisha, to set up new LPG distributorships (mostly in rural areas). In Unified Guidelines for Selection LPG Distributorships, there is provision of LPG distributorship for durgam and difficult areas namely, Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak (DKV). Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has sanctioned LPG distributorships under DKV category to the State/UT Governments of Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar, Maharashtra and 18th Battalion, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.

State/UT-wise details waiting List as on 01.07.2017 & New domestic LPG connections released during last three years(2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17) & current year i.e & April 2017 to June 2017		
STATE/UT	INDUSTRY	
	Waitling List (in nos.)	New connections Releases (in lakh)
CHANDIGARH	49	0
DELHI	1477	7.66
HARYANA	5763	17.66
HIMACHAL PRADESH	386	3.01
JAMMU & KASHMIR	3609	8.29
PUNJAB	3424	20.16
RAJASTHAN	6050	47.58
UTTAR PRADESH	33550	146.30
UTTARAKHAND	630	6.43
SUB TOTAL NORTH	54938	257.59
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	12	0.22
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8	0.65
ASSAM	2284	13.19
BIHAR	8106	65.67
JHARKHAND	1759	14.12
MANIPUR	115	1.04
MEGHALAYA	35	0.40
MIZORAM	17	0.43
NAGALAND	4	0.46
ORISSA	4139	29.11
SIKKIM	26	0.31
TRIPURA	20	1.68
WEST BENGAL	9276	79.35
SUB TOTAL EAST	25801	206.64
CHATTISGARH	1022	21.34
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	22	0.28
DAMAN & DIU	34	0.14
GOA	107	0.57
GUJARAT	3448	24.15
MADHYA PRADESH	5157	46.15
MAHARASHTRA	16430	64.40
SUB TOTAL WEST	26220	157.03
ANDHRA PRADESH	3935	47.76
KARNATAKA	6644	37.10
KERALA	2716	11.10
LAKSHADWEEP	0	0.01
PUDUCHERRY	157	0.47
TAMILNADU	4064	37.83

TELANGANA	4603	28.77
SUB TOTAL SOUTH	22119	163.04
ALL INDIA	129078	784.30

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State/UT-wise details of Domestic LPG Customers as on 01.07.2017 (in Lakhs)		
State / UT	INDUSTRY	
	Urban	Rural*
CHANDIGARH	2.7	0.0
DELHI	48.1	0.0
HARYANA	34.3	21.3
HIMACHAL PR.	5.9	8.5
JAMMU & KSHMR.	7.4	13.7
PUNJAB	39.7	30.6
RAJASTHAN	58.9	55.6
UTTAR PRADESH	137.1	145.8
UTTRANCHAL	15.0	6.6
TOTAL NORTH	350.7	280.5
ANDAMAN & NIC.	0.5	0.2
ARUNACHAL PR.	1.6	0.4
ASSAM	23.6	10.5
BIHAR	38.7	72.8
JHARKHAND	14.5	13.3
MANIPUR	2.3	1.2
MEGHALAYA	1.3	0.2
MIZORAM	1.4	1.0
NAGALAND	1.5	0.4
ORISSA	20.4	28.6
SIKKIM	0.8	0.4
TRIPURA	2.5	2.0
WEST BENGAL	89.0	71.7
TOTAL EAST	199.0	201.7
CHATTISGARH	15.2	18.8
DADRA & NGR.HV.	0.8	0.0
DAMAN & DIU	0.3	0.3
GOA	4.0	0.6
GUJARAT	55.2	25.6
MADHYA PR.	50.7	47.5
MAHARASHTRA	139.1	90.4
TOTAL WEST	266.0	182.5
ANDHRA PR.	55.3	72.8
KARNATAKA	82.2	36.8
KERALA	38.9	42.0
LAKSHADWEEP	0.00	0.0
PONDICHERRY	2.8	0.6

TAMILNADU	79.9	94.9
TELANGANA	46.9	44.2
TOTAL SOUTH	306.3	291.1
ALL INDIA	1122.7	955.2
* Number of registered Rural customers is taken as Customers with Distributors under Rural (including RGGLV) and Urban-Rural market type and those with Distributors under Urban Market are taken as Urban Customers		

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State/UT-wise details of Nos. of subsidised/Non-subsidised domestic LPG consumers as on 01.07.2017		
State Name	INDUSTRY (figure in No.)	
	SUBSIDISED CUSTOMERS **	NON-SUBSIDISED CUSTOMERS##
Andaman And Nicobar	63050	13714
Andhra Pradesh	11700038	1104289
Arunachal Pradesh	114654	84661
Assam	3111677	293361
Bihar	9929675	1223357
Chandigarh	242248	28682
Chhattisgarh	3124865	278283
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	69538	13321
Daman and Diu	52373	10645
Delhi	3762902	1047555
Goa	390015	70743
Gujarat	6759928	1313341
Haryana	4947678	616548
Himachal Pradesh	1289007	143862
Jammu And Kashmir	1434758	676030
Jharkhand	2481490	300578
Karnataka	10188297	1710773
Kerala	7322966	764624
Lakshadweep	3898	107
Madhya Pradesh	8854519	965810
Maharashtra	19230615	3718250
Manipur	300063	47708
Meghalaya	136426	10065
Mizoram	155274	91551
Nagaland	93920	89046
Odisha	4288386	614808
Puducherry	322296	25036
Punjab	6323411	713794
Rajasthan	9898453	1548693
Sikkim	107297	10397
Tamil Nadu	15360249	2120837
Telangana	8234070	882097
Tripura	427677	20346
Uttar Pradesh	24286043	4003741
Uttarakhand	1775996	386153
West Bengal	14404042	1657227
Total	181187794	26600033

**** AADHAAR VERIFIED CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE SUBSIDY IN
THEIR BANK A/C**

**## CUSTOMERS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING SUBSIDY IN THEIR BANK
A/Cs**