

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3691**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**GAS SUBSIDY THROUGH POST OFFICES**

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether lakhs of consumers are not getting gas subsidy despite linking their connections with Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to release the pending subsidy to the consumers at the earliest;
- (b) whether the Government has issued guidelines to implement the scheme of transferring gas subsidy in post office saving accounts for the convenience of the people and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said facility is available in all post offices in the country, State/ UT-wise including Bihar and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the consumer can check the records of LPG subsidy which has been transferred to the bank account of the consumers under Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG (DBTL) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether some complaints from the Airtel customers regarding diversion of their subsidy amount into the bank account of Airtel company without their knowledge have been received and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Under the PAHAL scheme, LPG consumers, who join the scheme, get the LPG cylinders at non-subsidised price and receive LPG subsidy (as per their entitlement)

directly into their registered bank accounts. As on 14.03.2018, 20.07 crore consumers have joined the Scheme and getting subsidy in their registered bank account.

(b) & (c) Under PAHAL scheme, LPG consumers are required to link such bank accounts which are the part of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) payment gateway. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they transfer amount to Aadhaar linked bank accounts in which Aadhaar linked post office accounts are also included.

(d) LPG consumers can check the records of LPG subsidy transferred to their bank account under PAHAL scheme on visiting website of the concerned Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)/[www.mylpg.in](http://www.mylpg.in).

(e) This Ministry as well as Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have received number of complaints from LPG consumers regarding non-receipt of LPG subsidy amounts into their bank accounts in the recent past months. On verification, it was found that these complaints mainly pertain to those LPG consumers whose accounts have been seeded with Aadhaar by Airtel and the LPG subsidy of these Airtel customers has been credited to their newly opened Airtel Payment Bank account seeded with Aadhaar. The matter was taken up with the concerned authorities in Ministry of Finance, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Airtel. Airtel has returned the subsidy alongwith the interest to the original bank accounts of the consumers.

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