

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th March, 2018**

DBTL

4835. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the National Payments Corporation of India [NPCI] has identified the Bank Accounts of all beneficiaries for Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the identification of DBTL beneficiaries is based only on Aadhaar Card or other modes are also taken into consideration in view of the judgment of the Supreme Court of India that not having an Aadhaar Card would not disentitle a person to any social benefit and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the NPCI proposes to directly transfer funds to the Bank Accounts of beneficiaries in lieu of the goods received through the Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (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. 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 19.03.2018, 20.10 crore consumers have joined the Scheme and getting subsidy in their registered bank account.

(b) As per Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, under Section 7 for use of Aadhaar, all LPG consumers are advised to link Aadhaar number to their LPG consumer number by 31.03.2018, except for the consumers based in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and Meghalaya.

In case a customer is not having Aadhaar card, then he/she can also submit the enrolment ID with relevant details at his/her LPG distributor and can receive subsidy. Moreover, LPG customers can also receive subsidy on submission of any of the following documents - Voter ID card or Ration card or Kisan Photo Passbook or passport or driver license along with a declaration form.
