

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10 AUGUST, 2023

Hike in the Price of Kerosene

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether there is any data regarding the hike in the price of kerosene since 2015 and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the criteria for determining its price and the reasons for the present spiralling price;
- (c) whether the supply of kerosene by the Union Government to the States is in sync with the demand and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to increase the quota of kerosene for the States, especially Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (e) whether the Government is considering any pending proposals and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the Government is likely to reduce the quota of kerosene for the States and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Effective 1 March, 2020, the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene is being maintained at nil under-recovery level on pan India basis. Government makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene for cooking and lighting purpose only on quarterly basis to States/UTs. Government vide order dated 21st August 2012, has empowered States/ UTs to draw an allocation of one month's quota of PDS Kerosene at Non-Subsidised rates during each financial year for special needs such as natural calamities, religious functions, fisheries, various yatras etc. 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.

The PDS SKO allocation to the State of Uttar Pradesh has been reduced to Zero on the request of State Government of Uttar Pradesh since Q4, 2020-21 and the state is now Kerosene free. The State of Maharashtra has been allocated 1872 KL for Q1 and Q2 of 2023-24.

The Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of PDS Kerosene at Mumbai since 2015-16 as on 1st April of each year are given below:

Year	(Rs/ltr)
	Average RSP of PDS Kerosene at Mumbai
01.04.2015	15.25
01.04.2016	15.25
01.04.2017	19.03
01.04.2018	23.96
01.04.2019	30.87
01.04.2020	25.72
01.04.2021	36.78
01.04.2022	76.36
01.04.2023	64.68
01.08.2023	62.39

Source: IOCL

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