

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2054
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14 DECEMBER, 2023

Kerosene Oil Prices

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has data of increase in Kerosene oil prices during the last five years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the recent increase in prices;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the quota of Kerosene oil to States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to reduce the quota of Kerosene oil to States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (f): 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-Subsidized 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. Effective 1 March, 2020, the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene is being maintained at nil under-recovery level on pan India basis.

Number of active LPG domestic connections has gone up from 14.52 crore on 01.04.2014 to 31.5 crore in July 2023, taking the LPG coverage in the country from 55.9% in 2014 to near saturation now. Electricity coverage in the country is also near saturation. Further, as of 30.10.2023, there are about 1.17 crore Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections. In view of this progress, Government has been rationalising Kerosene allocation to States/UTs since 2010-11 considering the polluting nature of Kerosene and taking into account, factors such as increase in domestic LPG/PNG connections, electricity coverage, non-lifting of PDS Kerosene quota by the concerned States/UTs etc. Till date, 12 States/UTs have declared themselves as Kerosene free.

To further encourage LPG consumption, w.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has been providing a budgetary support for targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Moreover, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, the targeted subsidy has been further increased to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries.

The State of Maharashtra has been allocated 1872 KL each for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2023-24.

The Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of PDS Kerosene at Mumbai since 2018-19 as on 1st April of each year are given below:

(Rs/ltr)	
Year	Average RSP of PDS Kerosene at Mumbai
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
01.12.2023	68.96

Source: IOCL

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