

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Subsidized Kerosene to Tamil Nadu and Kerala

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a proposal to bring down the allocation of subsidized kerosene to States and to phase out subsidy on the fuel by 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the allocation of subsidized kerosene to Tamil Nadu and Kerala during the year 2019- 20 and proposed for 2020-21 and the extent to which it will affect the Public Distribution System in these States, in case the subsidized allocation is reduced and subsidy itself is phased out?

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- (a) & (b) Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene for cooking and lighting purpose on quarterly basis to States/UTs. PDS Kerosene allocation of States/UTs has been/is being rationalized taking into account various factors including increase in domestic LPG/PNG connections, electricity coverage, non-lifting of PDS Kerosene quota by the concerned States/UTs etc. Some States have been voluntarily surrendering PDS Kerosene in view of increased penetration of domestic LPG/PNG connections and Rural electrification. On account of voluntary surrender of PDS Kerosene the States/UTs have been claiming cash incentive under DBT Kerosene Scheme. The Government continues to modulate the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene and its consumers get the product at subsidized price.

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- (c) The allocation of subsidized kerosene to the State of Tamil Nadu and Kerala during the year 2019-20 is as under:

S. No.	State	PDS SKO allocation for 2019-20 in KL
1	Kerala	41,700
2	Tamil Nadu	1,45,320

The allocation of PDS Kerosene for the year 2020-21 has not been finalized.
