

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3141
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th August, 2022

Kerosene Allotment

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the quantity of kerosene allotment to various States have been reduced and the price has been increased steeply recently;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to reduce the subsidy being given for kerosene particularly for the fisheries sector; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (d) Government of India makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene to States/UTs on quarterly basis for cooking and lighting purpose. PDS Kerosene allocation to States/UTs have been rationalized since 2010- v 11 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. As on date, 11 States/UTs have declared themselves as Kerosene free.

Vide order dated 21st August 2012, Government 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. Distribution plan of non-subsidised PDS kerosene is decided and controlled by the respective State/UT. 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. Distribution plan of non-subsidised PDS kerosene is decided and controlled by the respective State/UT.

Effective 1st March, 2020, NIL under-recovery is maintained on pan India basis for the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene.
