

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding transfer of Gas Connections -laid.

SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN (TIRUPPUR): 1000 families from 50 villages of Bargur hills have been allotted free cooking gas connections under the Ujjwala Scheme. Their gas connections are allocated through Jyothi Bharat Gas, Agni Bharat Gas, and KMT Bharat Gas agencies, whose branches are situated in Anthiyur village. These distributors have declined to deliver the gas cylinders to the villages in Bargur. Therefore, the beneficiaries are left with no other choice except to pick up the cylinders themselves. But this involves travelling around 150 kilometers up and down the hill. Since carrying the gas cylinders is not allowed in public and private transport, they carry the gas cylinders on a two-wheeler. The route is frequented by wild animals like elephant, bear etc. The villagers risk their lives in order to get the free gas cylinders. They suffer financial drain on their already impoverished pockets. This way, the very spirit and purpose of the scheme to provide free gas supply and to empower the deprived masses is defeated. When the connections were allotted, the Indane distributors were not present in Bargur. Now there is an agency of Indane gas supply, the Bhuvana Indane Gramin Vitarak operating in the Bargur hills itself. If the connections of these 1000 beneficiaries are transferred to this Indane gas agency in Bargur, the benefit envisaged in the scheme would flow to the people in its real sense.

I, therefore, request the Government to please arrange to transfer the free connections of the beneficiaries from the Bharat Gas suppliers in Anthiyur to the Bhuvana Indane Gramin Vitarak in Bargur with immediate effect.