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Title: Regarding the continuous increase in the LPG prices for the last four consecutive months.

**SHRIMATI MALA ROY (KOLKATA DAKSHIN):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to speak on the subject of increase in LPG prices for the last four consecutive months.

I would like to ask the Government the reason of continuous hike in LPG prices for the last four consecutive months for both subsidised and non-subsidised cylinders. Particularly, in Kolkata, for non-subsidised cylinders, LPG prices were hiked by Rs.15.50 in September, Rs.15 in October, Rs.76 in November, and Rs.19.50 in December. Kolkata is the worst hit among other four metro cities. This price hike is badly affecting the kitchen budget of common people.

I would like to know what remedial measures have been thought of by the Government to prevent such monthly exorbitant hikes to protect common people's interest and whether Government is contemplating to bring in another round of hike in other petroleum products including LPG.