

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:473

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WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDY ON KEROSENE

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to withdraw or reduce the subsidy on kerosene;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the manner in which it is proposed to protect the interests of the poor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): The Government had decided in November, 1997 that subsidy on kerosene (PDS) will be reduced in phases to reach the level of 33.33% of the import parity price by 2001-2002. The subsidy will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onwards.