

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

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LPG PRICE FOR INCOME TAX PAYERS

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

- (a) whether the several public sector oil companies have been asked by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry to charge full market rate for LPG cylinders who pay income tax ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; (
- (c) the reaction of the oil companies on the said proposal ;
- (d) whether such a step of the Central Government would not create black-marketing of LPG cylinders ;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to adopt any other scheme to reduce subsidy on LPG cylinders ; and
- (g) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) to (e) : No, Sir. Government have not given any instructions to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to supply subsidized LPG at different rates to the domestic LPG customers.
- (f) : At present, there is no proposal under consideration to adopt any other scheme to reduce subsidy on LPG cylinders.
- (g) : Does not arise in view of (f) above.