

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

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

- (a) whether a decision has taken by the public sector undertakings to stop supply of domestic use 5 KG gas cylinders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the distributors of LPG have made a recommendation to stop supply of 5KG LPG Cylinders;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to restore supply of 5 KG LPG cylinders in view of its utility?
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): No, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have introduced 5 kg domestic LPG cylinders with effect from August 2002 in order to meet the demand of low-income groups in urban, semi-urban and rural pockets and also extend the reach of LPG to the hilly terrain and interior areas in the country. As on 30.6.2007, there are 3.86 lakh LPG customers of such cylinders in the country.