

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

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ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE TO TRIBALS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of population belonging to Scheduled Tribes have been provided LPG connections in Gujarat ; and
- (b) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that kerosene is given to all the tribals of Gujarat, mostly in remote and hilly areas ?

Answer

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

(a): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Gujarat who have LPG connections.

However, as on 01.10.2008, OMCs were operating 541 LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat. Through these distributor ships, OMCs are serving about 54.19 lakh LPG customers covering 50.22 % population in the State of Gujarat.

(b) : Kerosene (SKO) is one of the items distributed through Public Distribution System (PDS). Allocation of PDS SKO is made by the Government of India to different States/Union Territories (UTs) on a quarterly basis for distribution under PDS for cooking and illumination purpose only. Further distribution within the States/UTs through their PDS network is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs.