

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:104

ANSWERED ON:04.03.2010

DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LPG

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

- (a) the total annual production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the annual consumption of LPG in the country;
- (c) if so, the estimated requirement of cooking gas for commercial and domestic use in the country during the current year;
- (d) whether the quantum of cooking gas produced from indigenous sources is insufficient to meet the requirement and the shortfall is met through imports;
- (e) if so, the quantum of cooking gas supplied from the indigenous sources and through imports separately during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the amount of subsidy given per cylinder by the Government on both imported and indigenous gas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.104 BY SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV AND SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH MARCH, 2010 REGARDING DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LPG

(a) to (e): The total LPG production in the country was 9,335 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT) in 2008-09. As per the revised estimates prepared in consultation with the Industry, demand for LPG is expected to be around 12,984 TMT for the year 2009-10. Out of this, the share of domestic LPG is 87.4% and non-domestic 12.6%. Since the domestic production of LPG is inadequate to meet the demand, shortfall in availability from domestic sources is met through imports. The figures of LPG production, consumption and imports during the last three years and for April-December 2009 for the current year are as under:-

(Quantity in '000 MT)

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (April - December)
(Provisional)			

Production	8454	8868	9335	7607
Consumption	10849	12165	12344	9576
Imports	2278	2833	2360	1807

(f) Consumer has to pay the applicable price on Domestic LPG per cylinder irrespective of whether the LPG is imported or indigenously produced. The Government is providing a fiscal subsidy of Rs.22.58 per Domestic LPG cylinder under the 'PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG Subsidy Scheme, 2002'. Besides, during the period April-December 2009, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have incurred an average under-recovery of Rs.144.33 per cylinder of Domestic LPG, which too gets partially compensated under the Burden Sharing Mechanism.