

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:218

ANSWERED ON:11.03.2010

LAUNCHING OF TRANSLUCENT LPG GAS CYLINDERS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch, translucent cylinder which are made up of fibre glass, for marketing LPG in the country including Bihar, as a pilot project ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the likely difference in the cost of LPG cylinder presently being used as against the proposed fibre glass LPG cylinders ;
- (d) the benefits likely to be accrued to the Government and the common man as a result thereof ;
- (e) whether these types of cylinders are also likely to be made available for commercial purpose ; and
- (f) if so, the details with the cost thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER 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 THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 218 BY PROF. (DR.) RANJAN PRASAD YADAV AND SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2010 REGARDING LAUNCHING OF TRANSLUCENT LPG GAS CYLINDERS.

(a) & (b) : Government has conveyed "in principle" approval to the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for expanding the product line by way of introduction of composite (translucent fiber glass) cylinders for marketing domestic LPG, subject to there being no subsidy element in the LPG to be marketed through these composite cylinders. Initially, it is planned to be launched as a pilot in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai & Pune. At present, there is no plan for launching the composite cylinder in the State of Bihar. However, if successful, translucent LPG cylinders will be launched throughout the country.

(c) & (d) : Global tender for procurement of translucent LPG cylinders has been invited by OMCs which is under evaluation. Only after finalization of the tender and placement of purchase order, the cost of the proposed translucent fiber glass cylinders will be known. However, these cylinders are being introduced in selected markets as a separate package and not as replacement of existing cylinders. The composite cylinders are translucent and will show the level of LPG present in the cylinder. Handling of these cylinders would be easier as they are lighter in weight than steel cylinders.

(e) & (f) : At present, there is no proposal for introducing composite cylinders for marketing LPG for commercial purposes.