

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:295
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009
SETTING UP OF COMMUNITY KITCHENS
Chauhan Shri Sanjay Singh

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

- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have launched a scheme to set up community kitchens for lower income groups ;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme ; and
- (c) the number of community kitchens set up in the country so far, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 23-07-2009 REGARDING SETTING UP OF COMMUNITY KITCHENS.

(a) to (c) : Yes, Madam. Community kitchen scheme has been evolved to enable people from lower income groups who can not afford individual connections to use LPG. Under this scheme, OMCs provide LPG cylinders and burners at a place identified in consultation with the local community head/Panchayat. Training is also provided to users on both operating practices as well as safety aspects. Users have to pay a nominal charge for the usage of community kitchen facility. At present, the scheme has been implemented only by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) who have set up 2050 community kitchens in the Country. The State-wise details are at Annexure.