

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

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ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of Kerosene/LPG supplied to each State/Union Territory during each of the last three years their current year;
- (b) whether the Government has received any requests from various States, including Gujarat for increasing their kerosene/LPG quotas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas makes quarterly allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) kerosene to States/Union Territories for further distribution under the PDS network. The quantity of PDS kerosene for distribution per card holder is decided by concerned State Govt/UT.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) supplies to distributors are being made by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in accordance with the requirement of customers registered with the LPG distributors. There is no State-wise quota fixed by the Government for the allocation of LPG.

The quantity of PDS kerosene allocated to the States/UTs during the last three years is at Annex `A`. State-wise sales of LPG for the last three years and current year is at Annex `B`.

Requests have been received from various State Governments including Gujarat for increasing the SKO allocation. The requests of the State Government were examined in this Ministry and was not approved in view of the fact that no reduction in allocation of PDS kerosene have been made after 2004-05 even though there has been substantial increase in the LPG coverage in the States/UTs including Gujarat. Further, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas makes additional allocations in exceptional circumstances like flood, drought, earthquake etc. On 20 Aug 2009, 250 KL of PDS kerosene was allocated to the State of Gujarat to meet the flood situation in the State.