

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

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SALE OF LPG ON SMART CARD

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

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to issue bio-metric Smart Cards to all users of Public Distribution System kerosene and domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas;

(b) if so, the names of the States / cities where this scheme has been launched as on date;and

(c) the action plan prepared to extend this scheme to other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): This Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to partner in the Project related to distribution of PDS kerosene and domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) using the platform of UIDAI for better targeting of subsidy to the intended beneficiaries.

Pilot Projects are being executed in accordance with UIDAI compliant standards along with the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, who have already entered into an MOU with the UIDAI for executing bio-metric projects for Public Distribution System. The initial pilots would be launched in the city of Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and Mysore and Tumkur in Karnataka and city of Pune in Maharashtra. In addition, Pasgawan Block in Lakhimpur Kheri District and Farah Block in Mathura District, both in the State of Uttar Pradesh are also proposed to be covered under the Pilot. Roll out in other parts of the country would depend on the success of the pilots.