

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:54
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010
LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal/scheme to provide free cooking gas connections to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the families living below poverty line for the purpose of providing gas connections ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the likely annual financial implications thereof ?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 54 BY SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN AND SHRI CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 2010 REGARDING LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL FAMILIES.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A proposal for providing one time financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for acquiring new LPG connection is under consideration of the Government. Under the proposed scheme, the Government and the Oil Marketing Companies would provide one time assistance of 1400 for acquiring a new LPG connection to a BPL family. The 1400 would cover the present security deposit on a LPG cylinder and regulator.

(c) to (e): The scheme would cover all eligible households in the BPL list of the State Government/Union Territory. Since LPG connections are being made available to all on demand, there is no state-wise limit or quota. Annually about 80-100 lakh new LPG connections are released. If 40% of the new LPG connections are to the BPL households, the annual financial implication is estimated to be about 490 crore.