

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

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

- (a) whether the Government contemplate to introduce cylinder portability scheme in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the proposed cylinder portability scheme is likely to have positive impact on delivery system of cylinders ;
- (d) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : Each OMC supplies domestic LPG in conspicuously different cylinders which are painted in identifiable colours, permanent features such as foot-rings and engraving on the stay plates etc. for which cylinders of one OMC are not accepted by other OMCs. Considering this, full portability of connections is not feasible. However, LPG customers of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) residing in common areas of operation of multiple distributors are permitted to transfer their connections from one distributor to another of their choice. Customers shifting their residence from one location to another are also allowed to transfer their connection to the distributor of any OMCs supplying LPG to the area of his/her new residence for which customer is to approach the original distributor and return the cylinder and Pressure Regulator. The security deposit is returned and at the new location, connection is restored by paying original security deposit with the new distributor.

In order to help the customers desirous of transferring the connection and availing the same at the new location, date of such transfers are being exchanged electronically between OMCs for early release of connections at the new distributorship.