

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4998
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KEROSENE SUBSIDY TO BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to provide subsidy on Kerosene for open Market Distribution System for the supply being made to the families living below poverty line (BPL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce the first phase of the said scheme in the rural areas and thereafter in the Urban areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to provide subsidy on Kerosene for open Market Distribution System to the families living below poverty line (BPL). Allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene is made by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to different States/Union Territories (UTs) on a quarterly basis for distribution under PDS for cooking and illumination only. Further distribution within the States/UTs through their PDS network is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs.

(b) to (d) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.