

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

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FREE LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide free LPG connections to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of families likely to be covered under this scheme, State-wise ;
- (d) the basis for deciding the BPL list for this scheme;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide at least one LPG cylinder refill per month to beneficiary after connection or only connections will be offered free;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIR. P. N. SINGH)

(a) to (f): 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.

The scheme would cover all eligible households in the BPL list of the State Government/Union Territory. The beneficiary would be entitled to refills like any other domestic LPG customers.