

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

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DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a survey to ascertain the number of beneficiaries under new direct subsidy scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the findings of the survey report, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of beneficiaries under direct subsidy scheme;
- (d) whether the Government has any database in respect of kerosene users as in the case of LPG consumers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the number in which the Government will be able to recognize the targeted families under direct subsidy scheme; and
- (g) the number of BPL families which have LPG connections, State-wise and Company-wise with particular reference to Uttar Pradesh?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): Consequent to Finance Minister's announcement in his Budget Speech, a Task Force has been constituted by the Government in February, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to recommend an implementable solution for direct transfer of subsidies on PDS kerosene and domestic LPG.

The Task force will recommend the methodology for transfer of subsidy equivalent in cash to the entitled beneficiaries.

With regard to PDS kerosene, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas issues annual allocation to the States/UTs. Distribution of PDS kerosene within the state to the ration card holders through ration shops/retailers is under the control of the State Governments. Identification of beneficiaries and entitlement for respective categories amongst beneficiaries is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Government.

As on 01.04.2011, there are 12.54 crore registered customers with the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) who are availing subsidized domestic LPG.

(g): As on 01.07.2011, BPL families have 72,37,560 domestic LPG connections in the country, out of which 54,950 BPL LPG customers are in the State of Uttar Pradesh.