

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

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BIO METRIC SMART CARDS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to issue bio-metric smart cards to all consumers of Public Distribution System (PDS) for kerosene and LPG;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the same is likely to help in the solving problem of irrational subsidy, consumption and adulteration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : Government has constituted a Task Force in February, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to recommend and implement a solution for direct transfer of subsidies on PDS Kerosene, domestic LPG and Fertilizer to the intended beneficiaries with the use of Aadhaar.

The Chairman, UIDAI has submitted the Interim Report of the Task Force on Direct Transfer of Subsidies on Kerosene, LPG and Fertilizer to Hon'ble Finance Minister on 05th July, 2011. The Interim Report of the Task Force envisages implementation for transfer of cash subsidy on Kerosene, LPG and Fertilizer in phases.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are presently conducting a pilot at Mysore for Aadhaar enabled LPG delivery and direct transfer of cash subsidy. The pilot commenced in January, 2012.

A Pilot Scheme for direct transfer of cash subsidy on PDS Kerosene has been launched in Kotkasim Tehsil of Alwar District (Rajasthan) in December, 2012.

These schemes aim to plug leakages in Kerosene and LPG distribution and reduce resultant outgo of subsidy.

At present there is no proposal of Central Government to issue biometric Smart Cards to LPG / Kerosene consumers.