

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

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USE OF KEROSENE OIL BY RURAL HOUSEHOLDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of rural households that still use kerosene oil for illumination purposes;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to withdraw the subsidy on Kerosene oil; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): As per survey carried out by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in 2005, it was estimated that 92.3 percent of households use Kerosene for lighting in the rural areas. However, Ministry of Power has reported that as per Census 2011, 55% of rural households use electricity as main source of lighting.
- (b): At present there is no proposal to withdraw subsidy on Kerosene oil.
- (c): Does not arise in view of reply to (b), above.