

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

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

- (a) whether many State Governments have launched a scheme of issuing free LPG connections and stoves to the consumers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the said scheme has led to shortage of gas cylinders and regulators; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the shortfall?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : Some State Governments have identified the BPL families and implemented specific schemes to provide free LPG connections to BPL families. Providing LPG stoves free of cost to the beneficiaries is also included in some of the schemes.

The requirement of cylinders and pressure regulators for a year, towards release of LPG connections to BPL families under the various State Government Schemes is estimated in advance by the OMCs along-with the requirement towards the estimated release of regular new LPG connections and Double Bottle Connections (DBC) and procurement of cylinders & pressure regulators. During the year, if any, State Government needs additional cylinders / pressure regulators than planned, arrangements for the same are also made by the OMCs. No shortage of gas cylinders and regulators has been reported on account of the above schemes.