

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

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DISPARITY IN PRICES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there exist a disparity in the prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene and cooking gas in various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to bring uniformity in the prices in all the States?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The retail selling prices of petroleum products vary from State to State on account of variations in the inland freight, Sales Tax/ VAT and other local taxes being levied by the respective State Governments/local authorities. The details of retail selling price of Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG in all States/ UTs capitals are given at Annexure.

(c): The Government has been requesting State Governments for reduction in the VAT rates on Petrol and Diesel to reduce the burden on the consumers from time to time. All the State Governments were again requested in 2011 to reduce the State taxes on sensitive petroleum products in order to give relief to the common man. In response, 17 States/UT reduced the rate of VAT in the respective States.