

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL FAMILIES

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

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide free LPG connections to the persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country, particularly in the kerosene free cities;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make the Public Sector Oil Companies to bear half the amount for providing free LPG connections to the BPL families;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the pattern of funding and the expenditure likely to be incurred for providing free LPG connections to the BPL families;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to provide free refill of LPG cylinders or supply more subsidised cylinders to the BPL families in kerosene free cities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): A scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families in the rural areas for release of new domestic LPG connection under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) has been finalized and is in operation in the Country. As per the scheme, the security deposit for the domestic LPG cylinder and pressure regulator is paid from the fund created for the purpose by contributions from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund of ONGC, OIL, GAIL, BPCL, HPCL and IOC.

Some of the State Government have also identified the BPL families and implemented various schemes to provide free LPG connections to BPL families.

Delhi Government has announced a scheme called 'Kerosene Free Dilli'. New domestic LPG connection is issued free of cost to BPL/ Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) & Jhuggi Ration Card (JRC) holders of Delhi getting kerosene supply. 50% of security deposit of LPG cylinder & pressure regulator is borne by Delhi Government, remaining 50% is borne by OMCs from their CSR fund. For JRC, entire amount of security deposit of cylinder & pressure regulator will be borne by Delhi Government. 2 Burner Hotplate, Suraksha Hose, DGCC Book & Installation charges are also provided by the Delhi Government under this scheme.

(d) & (e) There is no proposal to provide free refill of LPG cylinders to any customers including BPL families by Government of India.