

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

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SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR NEW LPG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) whether the security deposit for new LPG connections has been increased recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to issue new LPG connections at market rate and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether a temporary ban has been imposed on issue of Double Bottle Connections (DBC) and if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the waiting list for new LPG connections at the earliest ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Security Deposit on 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for North Eastern States has been enhanced from rs 900/- to rs 1150/- and for rest of the country from rs 1250/- to rs 1450/-.

(c) to (e): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have stated that release of new LPG connections including DBC has not been stopped.

Customers desirous of taking new LPG connection have to register their names at the distributorship along-with a completed Know Your Customer (KYC) form. A new subsidized LPG connection is released after completing the de-duplication exercise and verification of the data of the customer concerned.

Further, instant LPG connections at non-subsidised rates are available without de-duplication/ KYC check. After completion of de-duplication process, the connection can be converted to a subsidized one.

The new connections are being processed as per the policy in vogue and released as per demand.