

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:750

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2013

SUBSIDISED DIESEL FOR FISHERMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the requirement and supply of diesel for fishermen using mechanised boats/tractors in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from States including Maharashtra to provide diesel at subsidised rate to fishermen using mechanised boats/tractors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas had received several representations highlighting the hardships being faced by fishermen consequent to the decision regarding supply of Diesel to fishermen under bulk category at non-subsidized price.

After consideration of the matter, the Government has decided that w.e.f. 07.02.2013 the supply of Diesel to the fishermen consumer pumps should be at the price applicable for retail outlets of the OMCs