

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF LPG

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

- (a) whether the consumption of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) has decreased in the country after capping the number of subsidized LPG cylinders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the import of LPG has been reduced owing to the decrease in consumption;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated annual import of LPG in the year 2012-13;and
- (e) the percentage of the import vis-à-vis total consumption of LPG in the country during the year 2012-13?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the consumption of LPG has decreased in the country. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that during the period Sep'12- Jan'13, OMCs registered a growth of - 1.8% as compared to a growth of 6.9%, during Sep'11- Jan'12 in domestic LPG. On the other hand they have registered a growth of 12.5% during Sep-Jan'13 against 5.4% growth in corresponding period of previous year i.e. Sep-Jan'12 in sales of industrial LPG (NDNE).

(c) & (d) OMCs have reported reduction in domestic sales after introduction of capping on domestic LPG cylinders had an impact on the imports of LPG. Projected LPG imports for OMCs for the year 2012-13 was 7020 TMT which has reduced to an estimated quantity of 6015 TMT.

(e) The percentage of the estimated import vis-à-vis the estimated demand of LPG in the country comes to 39.6% during 2012-13.