

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

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BLACK MARKETING OF KEROSENE  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched any pilot project scheme to check black marketing of kerosene in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed/reviewed the outcome of this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which such scheme is likely to be implemented in all the States/UTs?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The scheme of direct transfer of cash subsidy on PDS Kerosene (DTCK) on Pilot basis was launched on 5th December, 2011 by the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Rajasthan at Kotkasim Block of Alwar District (Rajasthan).

(c)&(d) Government of Rajasthan has reported that after launching of DTCK Pilot, the consumption of PDS Kerosene in the said Block, has come down substantially. As the subsidy amount is being transferred to the bank account of beneficiaries as per the scheme, only the actual users are purchasing Kerosene at market price.

(e) As far as DTCK Scheme is concerned, all the State Governments/UTs were requested for their willingness and confirmation to participate in the Scheme. 11 States/Union Territories, namely Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Goa, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry have confirmed their participation in the scheme of DTCK.