

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748  
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DEEPAM SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Deepam Scheme is being implemented in Karnataka under which LPG connections are given at subsidized rates to the poor;
- (b) if so, whether the State Government of Karnataka has been repeatedly asking for release of more LPG connections to the State so as to provide the same to poor families;
- (c) if so, the details of demands made by the State Government for release of connections during the last three years and the current year and the number of new LPG connections released by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), company-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for not releasing the additional LPG connections ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : No Madam. There is no scheme by the name of 'Deepam' for release of free LPG connection in the State of Karnataka.
- (b) to (d) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.