

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

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SUPPLY OF GAS AND KEROSENE TO BHUTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is supplying gas and kerosene to Bhutan at very concessional rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum of gas and kerosene being supplied to Bhutan on day-to-day basis along with its prices; and
- (d) the time by when these items are being supplied at concessional rates to Bhutan?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India and Bhutan enjoy a special and unique relationship rooted in shared heritage, civilization and culture. India attaches highest priority to relations with Bhutan and the Government of India is fully committed to further enhancing and expanding this relationship. Over the years, India has worked closely with Bhutan to ensure that the natural linkages between the two countries support, sustain and further strengthen our bilateral relations. As committed development partner in the socio-economic developmental progress of Bhutan, Government of India is providing subsidy on petroleum products to Bhutan.

(c) & (d): In the post Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) era, subsidies for Kerosene and LPG supplies to Bhutan were commenced with effect from 1st May, 2002. Currently, the quantum of supplies to Bhutan are approx. 500-550 kl/ month (approx. 20-25 kls/day) of Kerosene and approx. 700 MT of LPG (approx. 28-30 MT/day). Prices of Kerosene and LPG are at the same prices as for Domestic market ex the supply locations.