

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

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REDUCTION IN LPG SUBSIDY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the demand of subsidized Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders has declined after capping the number of cylinders per consumer in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the subsidy on LPG in a phased manner and to go in for a monthly or quarterly increase in its price;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to protect the interests of the common man?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that cap on subsidized cylinders to a maximum of 6 LPG cylinders per year to each household, at subsidized price was put in September, 2012. Further, the subsidized cylinder quota per domestic LPG customer was increased from 6 cylinders to 9 cylinders in a year in January, 2013.

There has been a reduction in demand due to capping and other initiatives to curb multiple connections and diversion and 0.865 MMT import of LPG has to be cancelled during the year.

(c) to (e) : There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.