

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG CONNECTION

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

- (a) the total number of LPG connections provided to people in various States/ UTs during the last three years and the current year along with the total number of applications for such connections pending for approval at present, State/UT-wise including Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the consumption and monthly requirement of LPG in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details of the requirement of LPG for both domestic and commercial purposes during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the LPG obtained from domestic sources and imported from various countries during the last three years and the current year along with the amount of subsidy provided by the Government per LPG cylinder at present; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to augment supply of LPG cylinders in the country particularly in rural areas ?

Answer

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

(a) : State/UT-wise details of the total number of LPG connections released during the last three year and the period from April-December 2013 including for the State of Kerala and the waiting list as on 01.01.2014 are at Annexure I.

(b) & (c) : The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) make assessment of requirement of LPG in the Country including the State of Uttar Pradesh on annual basis for planning the imports as indigenous production of LPG is less than the demand. The projected demand is monitored on regular basis and necessary changes in the projections are made based on the prevailing sales trend, change in policies or any other factor which may influence the demand. Quantum of LPG supplied by the OMCs in the country including State of Uttar Pradesh during last three year and the period from April- December 2013 is at Annexure II. Average monthly supplies during the period April- December 2013 is also given in Annexure II.

(d) : Details of the availability of LPG from domestic sources and imports during last 3 years and the period from April- December 2013 is as under :-

Year	Domestic Sources (TMT)	Imports (in TMT)
2010-11	9488	4624
2011-12	9437	5485
2012-13	9824	5850
Apr-Dec, 2013	7229	4056

Under the PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG subsidy, scheme, 2002 the Government of India is providing direct fiscal subsidy of approx. Rs. 22.58 per 14.2 kg domestic subsidized cylinder. In addition, OMCs are incurring under recovery of Rs. 655.96 per 14.2 kg cylinder of subsidized domestic LPG, as per the refinery gate price effective 01.02.2014. As such the total subsidy per connection on 14.2 kg cylinder of subsidized domestic LPG is Rs. 678.54.

(e) : OMCs have reported that they endeavor to supply refill within seven working days from the date of booking, subject to availability of cylinders with the distributor. However, if backlog gets generated due to uncontrollable/ unavoidable reasons, the same is met by augmenting supplies to the affected markets by operating the bottling plants on Sundays/ holidays.

Moreover, for expansion of LPG to Rural areas OMCs are appointing LPG distributors under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojana (RGGLVY) as well as Industry Marketing Plans.