

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

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PRICING POLICY FOR PETROL DIESEL PDS KEROSENE LPG

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up an expert group to examine the pricing policy of petrol, diesel, PDS kerosene and domestic LPG, and to recommend a viable and sustainable strategy;
- (b) if so, whether a group of five members under the Planning Commission member has been appointed for the purpose;
- (c) if so, whether any time limit has been fixed for giving its recommendations;and
- (d) if so, the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)to(d): Yes, Madam. The Government has constituted an Expert Group on 31.08.2009 under the chairmanship of Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, former Member, Planning Commission with four other members to examine, inter-alia, the current pricing policy of the four sensitive petroleum products; namely, Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG and to make recommendations for a viable and sustainable pricing policy for these products. The Expert Group has been given a period of three months under their Terms of Reference to submit their Report.