

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

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USE OF KEROSENE

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

- (a) whether the Government intends to reduce subsidy on kerosene to discourage the use of kerosene in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to switch over from the use of kerosene oil to LPG in a phased manner and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to discourage use of kerosene in the country along with the number of States that have been declared kerosene free during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey for identifying the genuine families making consumption of kerosene oil in the country; and
- (e) if so, the number of such families particularly in rural areas of the country and the steps taken by the Government to persuade them to use LPG?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) : There is no such proposal before the Government to reduce subsidy on PDS kerosene at present.

(b): As per the Vision-2015 formulated by the Government the target is to raise the Countrys LPG population coverage from 50% to 75%, which includes rural area also. The aim of Vision document is to expand the coverage of LPG for cooking purposes in rural/un-served areas to improve the quality of life.

(c) to (e) : Household-wise data on kerosene usage in the country is not maintained by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. However, as per National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) survey NSS 66th round (July 2009 June 2010) on Energy Sources of Indian Households for Cooking and Lighting, 33% of rural house holds and 5% of urban households used kerosene as primary source of energy for lighting.

Delhi has been declared first kerosene free State effective October, 2013.

For expansion of LPG network especially in rural areas, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are appointing LPG distributors under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojna (RGGLVY) as well as Regular LPG distributors under industry Marketing Plans.