

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

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SUPPLY OF LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of LPG godowns in residential areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has launched any scheme for distribution of LPG cylinders from Kirana stores/ super market/ petrol, diesel outlets across the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the cities/ towns which are covered under the said scheme, State-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have not conducted any survey to assess the number of LPG godown operating in residential areas. However, LPG distributorships are only commissioned when the selected candidate obtains an explosive License from Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) for godown.

(b) & (c) : Government has allowed the sale of 5 Kg LPG cylinder with/without Domestic Pressure Regulator (DPR) through OMCs Retail Outlets, which are accessible to all and are open for longer hours. Subsequently sale of 5 Kg cylinder has been extended to LPG distributorship points and Kirana/ General stores to further convenience of the consumers. As on 17.07.2014 the scheme is under operation in the cities of Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Raipur, Chandigarh, Silvasa, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad, Talaja, Ambala, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Panchkula, Jammu, Kochi, Kozhikode, Trivandrum, Nagpur, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Bhubaneshwar, Cuttack, Jajpur, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bikaner, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Pedapalli, Ramagudam, Warrangal, Dehradun, Haridwar, Allahabad, Bansi, Faizabad, Gorakhpur, Noida, Greater Noida, Lucknow, Mathura, Goa and Meerut.

The LPG sold under the scheme is called Free Trade LPG (FTL). At the time of first sale cost of equipment (DPR plus cylinder), cost of product at prevailing Non-domestic 5 Kg cylinders price and administrative charges is payable. At the time of subsequent refill only the cost of product is payable.