

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

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LPG ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Above/Below Poverty Line criteria for LPG subsidy in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated number of people covered under the said criteria, State/category-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to delink the domestic LPG subsidy with Aadhaar Cards and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to remove the LPG subsidy/ revisit the cap on LPG cylinders in phased manner and motivate people to use unsubsidized cylinders in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of financial burden borne by the Government throughout the country due to increased in the cap on LPG cylinders from 9 to 12 ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): There is no new proposal under consideration of Government on Above/ Below Poverty Line criteria for subsidy on LPG.
- (c): Government of India had launched Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) Scheme in 291 high Aadhaar coverage districts of the country covering 9.6 Crore LPG consumers. In these districts, the LPG consumers who had linked their Aadhaar number to their LPG consumer number and to their bank accounts were getting all domestic LPG cylinders (subsidized as well as non subsidized cylinder) at market price. The difference between non-subsidized price and subsidized price of domestic LPG cylinder (excluding VAT) was being transferred directly to the consumers Aadhaar linked bank account, as per the consumers entitlement of subsidized cylinders.

At present, DBTL scheme has been kept in abeyance in all 291 DBTL districts.

- (d) & (e) : There is no proposal under consideration of Government to remove LPG subsidy/ revisit the cap on subsidized LPG cylinders. Based on the consumption pattern of subsidized LPG cylinder during the year 2013-14 @ Rs 785.28 (in January 2014) of subsidy per cylinder, additional financial burden estimated due to a change in annual cap from 9 to 12 was around Rs. 3801 Crores.