

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG CONNECTIONS TO BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide free LPG connections to the families people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with number of such new LPG connections provided to BPL families and the quantum of funds allocated/spent for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total number of LPG distributorships appointed and connections given under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to raise the limit of subsidised LPG cylinders from 9 to 12 in a year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the price difference between subsidised and non-subsidised LPG cylinders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : A scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families in the rural areas for release of new domestic LPG connection under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) is in operation. As per the scheme, the security deposit for the domestic LPG cylinder and pressure regulator funded through the contributions from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of ONGC, OIL, GAIL, BPCL, HPCL and IOC.

Under the scheme, the BPL card holders register with the distributor for a new LPG connection (s). The same is sent by distributor to local administration for authentication. Intimation letters are sent to the BPL card holders after receipt of list authenticated by the administration.

Apart from the above scheme, Delhi Government announced a scheme, Kerosene Free Dilli to make NCT of Delhi kerosene free, under which domestic LPG connection were issued free of cost to the BPL/ AAY & JRC (Jhuggi Resettlement Colonies) card holders of Delhi getting kerosene supply. 50% of security deposit of LPG cylinder & pressure regulator was borne by Delhi Government and the remaining 50% by the OMCs through the common CSR fund mentioned above for BPL/AAY.

As on 01.06.2014, OMCs have released 582573 new LPG connections (including Kerosene free Dilli Scheme) utilizing Rs. 76.38 Crores from CSR fund.

State/UT-wise details of the new LPG connections released in the country including the State of Karnataka under the CSR scheme is at Annexure I.

(c) : State/UT-wise details of the new LPG distributorships appointed under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana since inception i.e October 2009 in the country including the State of Karnataka is at Annexure II.

(d) & (e) : Government has decided that each beneficiary will be entitled to 12 subsidized LPG cylinders per annum with effect from 01.04.2014.

Retail Selling Price (RSP) of domestic subsidized LPG refills varies from market to market and from time to time. Retail selling Price of domestic non-subsidized LPG refills varies from market to market as well as from month to month. However, as on 01.07.2014, RSP of domestic subsidized and domestic non-subsidized LPG refills in Delhi market is Rs 414.00 and Rs 922.50 respectively.