

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

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New LPG Connection to BPL People
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mechanism prescribed by the Government to provide LPG connection to Below Poverty Line (BPL)/ needy people after surrendering the LPG subsidy by the well-off section of the society in the country during the last one year and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that new LPG connection is being allegedly released/provided to influential people instead of actual BPL people; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with number of such cases identified by the Government during the above period and concrete steps being taken to provide LPG connections to genuine BPL/needy people, State/UT-wise?
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Answer

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

a) Every LPG consumer, who surrenders LPG subsidy, is linked to a BPL household who gets LPG connection in turn. As on 30.07.2015, 9.03 lakh LPG connection to BPL households have been released against 14.62 lakh consumers who have given up their LPG subsidy.

The release of LPG connections to BPL families is operationalised through the CSR scheme. As per this scheme, the security deposit (upto Rs. 1600/-) for one cylinder and Pressure Regulator is paid from the fund created for this purpose. The BPL card holder can register his/her request with the distributor for release of new LPG connection. The distributor prepares a list of BPL card holders who have registered for the release of Security Deposit free connections under the CSR scheme and sends it to the local administration for authentication. Connections are released to beneficiaries by the distributor after receipt of authenticated list of beneficiaries from local administration and on completion of requisite formalities for release of new LPG connection.

(b) & (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have not received any complaint regarding release of new LPG connection to influential people instead of BPL households.
