

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:478

ANSWERED ON:11.08.2014

SECURITY DEPOSIT ON LPG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) the amount of security deposit charged for obtaining new LPG connection by various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), OMC-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to waive off the security deposit and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce an LPG Portability scheme in the country to allow consumers to switch over to OMC at their convenience; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 478 BY SHRI KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA & SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2014 REGARDING SECURITY DEPOSIT ON LPG CONNECTIONS.

(a): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that as on date they are collecting a refundable security deposit for cylinder(s) and regulator @ Rs 1450/- per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder and Rs. 150/- for pressure regulator except for North Eastern States where the deposit rate is Rs. 1150/- and Rs. 100/- respectively.

(b): Presently, there is no proposal under consideration to waive off the security deposit for LPG connection.

(c) & (d): In order to provide greater choice to LPG customer to select his distributor and to bring competition among distributors to improve customer service, portability was launched in 24 cities on 05.10.2013 and subsequently extended to 484 districts covering 32 states. Under this scheme, the customer is allowed to choose a distributor of his choice within the cluster of distributors, with common area of operations, within the company and across companies i.e. IOC-HPCL-BPCL.