

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:19
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2014
AVAILABILITY OF KEROSENE UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quota of kerosene being provided by the Government to various States including Karnataka through Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) whether the Government has noticed the increase in demand of kerosene in various States after verification of gas connections;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to reinstate the quota of kerosene including in Karnataka to meet its rising demand; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) : Government of India allocates PDS Kerosene to States/Union Territories (UTs) including the State of Karnataka on quarterly basis for distribution under PDS for cooking and illumination only. Further distribution within the States/UTs through their PDS network to ration card holders as per their respective criteria, is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs. The SKO allocations of Quarter 1 and 2 of 2014-15 for all States including Karnataka is annexed.
- (b) : No, Madam.
- (c) & (d) : Do not arise in view of (b) above.