

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG COVERAGE

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

- (a) whether any surveys/studies have been undertaken by the National Sample Survey Organisation to assess the coverage of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)/ Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of actual domestic and commercial LPG consumers in the country along with the steps taken by the Government to set up LPG filling stations in rural areas of the country, State/UT/ Oil Marketing Company (OMC)-wise;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted regarding the number of LPG cylinders consumed in a year by a family in rural and urban areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of subsidy outgo on account of LPG during the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken to arrest the leakage of subsidy distribution in view of the above, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of households having multiple LPG/PNG connections surrendered by consumers during the above period and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that all multiple connections are surrendered, OMC/State/ UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) : National Sample Survey Organisation has reported that they have not conducted any survey/study specifically to assess the coverage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)/ Piped Natural Gas (PNG).

(b) : State/UT-wise number of domestic and packed non domestic LPG customers as on 01.11.2014 is at Annexure I.

For expansion of LPG network especially in rural areas, OMCs are appointing LPG distributors under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojana (RGGLVY) as well as Regular distributors under Industry Marketing Plans.

As on 01.11.2014, OMCs have 11167 Regular distributors and 3865 distributors under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojana (RGGLVY).

(c) & (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have not conducted any survey to assess the consumption of LPG cylinder in a year by a family in rural and urban areas of the country.

The details of subsidy provided by the OMCs on subsidized domestic LPG since 2011-12 is at Annexure II.

Further, the possibility of malpractice/ irregularities in subsidized domestic LPG cylinders by some unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out due to the lower retail price of subsidized LPG for domestic use vis a vis the market price for commercial LPG. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) maintain a vigil to prevent and take action against black marketing of cylinders.

OMCs also carry regular surprise inspections at distributors premises, conduct refill audits, surprise checks at customers premises, en-route checking of delivery vehicles to prevent malpractices. If LPG distributors are found guilty of any malpractice, punitive action is taken in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

Moreover, various initiatives have been taken by the Government viz. capping on supply of subsidized cylinders, Pahal Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, de-duplication, launch of www.myLPG.in., KYC exercise etc. which will reduce the misuse and diversion of subsidized LPG cylinders.

(e) : Status of Multiple connections surrendered (LPG&PNG) as on 01.11.2014 is at Annexure III. PNG companies take an undertaking from prospective PNG consumer to surrender or to keep existing LPG connection in safe custody prior to issue of PNG connection.

Further, Ministry has permitted retention of one LPG connection by PNG connection holder at non- subsidized rate.