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Title: Need to reduce the price of domestic LPG.

SHRIMATI M.S.K. BHAVANI RAJENTHIRAN RAMANATHAPURAM): Thank you very much, Sir, for the chance given to me. I would like to raise a very important problem faced by the women folk.

Sir, people feel very happy about the announcement of reduction of petrol and diesel prices by the UPA Government...*(Interruptions)* Of course, this was a long time expectation....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Is this the Parliament of India? Is it the House of People? You can come anywhere, sit anywhere, shout anywhere, anytime, anything.

* Not recorded.

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SHRIMATI M.S.K. BHAVANI RAJENTHIRAN: Sir, since the UPA Government is poor man's Government, people, particularly the women folk, are now in great expectation for the announcement of reduction of prices of domestic LPG.

The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. M. Kalignar Karunanidhi, has written a letter to our hon. Prime Minister which contains the appreciation about reduction of petrol and diesel prices and it also emphasise on the reduction of price of domestic LPG.

Sir, when he became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the fifth time, he gave free LPG connections along with cylinders free of cost. You all know that Dr. Kalignar Karunanidhi is famous for his sacrificed life for the poor people. He always thinks about poor people. In 2006-07, he announced this scheme of free LPG connections to the poor people. Out of about 60 lakh, about three lakh people got the benefit of this scheme. They all belong to the poorer sections of the people. In 2007-08, out of 160 lakh, about 7.52 lakh people benefited of this. So, totally about 10.52 lakh people have now got free LPG connections. Now, the Tamil Nadu Government has planned to give free LPG connections to about eight lakh people out of this 160 lakh people.

So, my earnest request to the UPA Government is that it should consider and reduce the price of domestic LPG up to the price which was before the recent price hike.

Sir, we have come to know that the Petroleum Minister is considering reduction of price of domestic LPG, we feel happy about it and we expect a positive result as early as possible.