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Title: Need to provide free LPG connection to BPL families.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): I would like to raise an important matter before you. A lot of schemes were launched to provide free LPG connection to BPL families. Ten years back, in that announcement Government had decided to enroll 3.5 BPL families every year and earmarked Rs. 490 crore for that. The operating party with our oil PSUs like IOC, BP and HP is CSR. Today, the number of connections is only 70 lakh for 1.6 lakh families.

Madam, it is a big cheating under this Scheme. I would like to present the statistics of southern areas where these connections have been given. In Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep and other Union Territories, there is no connection. Only in the Southern States Karnataka, they have got 10,345 connections.

I urge upon the Government to order a high level enquiry in this particular scheme and give more connections to the BPL families. You are also requested to direct the oil companies to take immediate measures to fulfil the needs of the BPL families.

Now, oil companies are not giving application form. I would request the Government of India to direct them to give application form to the BPL families for enrolling them in this particular Scheme. This is a scheme for the poor people. Thank you.