

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2019**

LPG Subsidy

1184. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace LPG subsidy with cooking subsidy to extend the benefits for the people using PNG and biofuel for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the similar benefits would also be extended to cities and towns where PNG is used for cooking purposes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) NITI Aayog has informed that the revised draft National Energy Policy (NEP) has incorporated the provision of cooking subsidy. The draft provision includes that any subsidy provided to vulnerable consumer groups should be provided directly through mechanisms such as Direct Benefit Transfer. NITI Aayog has also informed that the revised Draft NEP was circulated for Inter-Ministerial comments to various ministries. Comments of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have been furnished to NITI Aayog in September 2018.