

**Free cooking gas connections for BPL families**

118. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal/scheme to provide free cooking gas connection to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the BPL families for the purpose of providing gas connection;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the cost of connection per family to be borne by Government and number of connections likely to be released, State-wise and year-wise, during the years 2010-14?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (e) Formulation of a plan scheme for providing one time financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for acquiring new LPG connection is under active consideration.

**Location of LPG godowns near religious places**

119. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many LPG godowns are situated in the close vicinity of the important places of worship of different religions where thousand of people gather for prayer;

(b) if so, whether there are chances of probable mishap due to such proximities;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to pass suitable directions to avoid the chances of such mishap from happenings; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (d) LPG godowns are constructed as per guidelines/specifications