

In order to insulate the common man from the impact of rise in oil prices in the international markets and the domestic inflationary conditions, the retail selling prices of Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG are being modulated by the Government and not being maintained in line with the movement in international markets hence their prices are below the required market price.

#### **Coverage of PNG in the country**

2286. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating restriction of domestic LPG to 4 cylinders per connection per year at the subsidized rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of households in the country, State-wise, which have been provided Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections; and
- (d) the action plan to include more households for provision of PNG supply in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration with the Government to restrict number of cylinders in a year to be supplied at subsidized rate to registered customers of domestic LPG. The proposal is intended to put a cap on the number of subsidized domestic LPG cylinders, so as to reduce the burgeoning subsidy burden on account of domestic LPG. The Government is yet to take a decision in this regard.

(c) State-wise details of the number of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections provided to the households in the country are given below:

Sl. No.	State	No. of domestic PNG connections.
1	2	3
1.	Assam	21782
2.	Delhi & NCR (Noida and Greater Noida)	262951
3.	Gujarat	704078
4.	Maharashtra	521806

1	2	3
5.	Madhya Pradesh	24
6.	Haryana	2087
7.	Uttar Pradesh	964
8.	Tripura	8472
9.	Rajasthan	20
TOTAL		1522184

(d) As per Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, authorization for undertaking city gas distribution (CGD) projects are to be granted by PNGRB. PNGRB has envisaged a rollout plan for CGD network in more than 300 cities in the country over the next five years.

#### **Harassment of LPG consumers by gas agencies in Delhi**

†2287. SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blackmarketing of domestic gas cylinders by gas agencies in Delhi has not completely stopped;

(b) whether the Ministry will issue instructions for benefit of the customers, making it mandatory for the agencies to clearly mention telephone numbers outside their office and over gas cylinder receipts, for making complaints;

(c) whether some of the gas agencies especially Vicky Gas Agency, Tagore Garden and Umika Gas Agency, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi never make gas delivery to residents of JJ Colonies in time and when the customers complaints, they are mistreated; and

(d) the steps proposed to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) A few complaints of blackmarketing/diversion of LPG have been received against LPG distributors in Delhi.

(b) The name, address and contact numbers of the concerned field officer and the contact details of Divisional Office/Area Office are displayed at the LPG distributorship for the information of

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