

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Let the Government respond to this. ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please don't say that. ...(*Interruptions*)... No. No. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Let the Government respond. ...(*Interruptions*)... A very serious situation has arisen ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please. All I am saying is, do it at 12 o'clock. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, आप पहले सुन लीजिए कि अर्जेंसी क्यों है। ...(*व्यवधान*)... हम एक्सप्लेन करेंगे। ...(*व्यवधान*)...

श्री सभापति सुनिए, यह सवाल 12 बजे उठाइए, मैं आपको मौका दूंगा, खत्म हो गयी बात। ...(*व्यवधान*)... राज यह होता है, यह कोई नयी बात नहीं है। ...(*व्यवधान*)... The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at thirty-nine minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Use of cooking gas by BPL and antyodaya families

†*241. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

- (a) the total number of BPL and Antyodaya families in the country;
- (b) the number of the families, out of these BPL and Antyodaya families, using cooking gas at present ;
- (c) whether Government would provide financial assistance to all these families, similar to that provided in Delhi; and
- (d) if not, the alternative arrangement Government is contemplating so that these families can also avail the facility of cooking gas?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, there are 6.52 Crore accepted number of BPL families, which includes 2.43 Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in the year 2000. As on 30.09.2012, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have released 75.1 Lakh LPG connections to BPL families under various State Government sponsored schemes. The details are given in Statement (*See below*). In addition, a scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families in the rural areas for release of new domestic LPG connection under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) is in operation. As per the scheme, the security deposit for the domestic LPG cylinder and pressure regulator is paid from the fund created for the purpose by contributions from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund of ONGC, OIL, GAIL, BPCL, HPCL and IOC. In addition, some of the State Governments have implemented schemes to provide free LPG connections to BPL families. So far 0.92 lakh LPG connections have been given to BPL families under the CSR fund scheme of OMCs in the rural areas. The “Kerosene Free Dilli” scheme of the Delhi Government has also been supported partly by the CSR funds of the OMCs and they have released 1150 number of LPG connection to BPL families under ‘Kerosene Free Dilli’.

(c) and (d) A proposal for providing one time financial assistance to BPL families for acquiring new LPG connection is under consideration.

Statement

BPL customers under various State Govt. schemes as on 01.10.2012

Sl.No.	State	IOC	BPC	HPC	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh (Deepam Scheme)	1448516	902090	1637231	3987837
2.	Chhattisgarh (Antodaya)	23387	4491	4946	32824
3.	Goa (Gran Urja Yojana)			11895	11895
4.	Gujarat (Van Bandhu)	3902		0	3902
5.	Jharkhand (Kanyadan Scheme Under	74517	8796	14619	97932

Sl.No.	State	IOC	BPC	HPC	Total
	Govt. of Jharkhand (05-06), Antyodaya Scheme under Govt. of Jharkhand (05-06, 06-07, 07-08)				
6.	Madhya Pradesh	199	5	0	204
7.	Maharashtra (TDC (Tribal Development Corporation Beneficiaries))	24033	24938	105637	154608
8.	Tamilnadu (CM's Free Connection Scheme for BPL)	1684088	736549	518185	2938822
9.	Uttaranchal (BPL to Woman)	16641		0	16641
	Total	3275283	1676869	2292513	7244665
	North East State			0	
10.	Assam (Randhan Jyoti)	130117	6131	7632	143880
11.	Mizoram .	4618		0	4618
12.	Sikkim	35298		0	35298
	Total	170033	6131	7632	183796
	Union Territory			0	
13.	Pondicherry (CM's Free Connection Scheme for BPL)	37766	29050	18621	85437
	Total	37766	29050	18621	85437
	GRAND TOTAL :	3483082	1712050	2318766	7513839

Operational freedom for PSU chiefs

*242. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's top Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have asked for an "Empowered Group of Secretaries" under the PMO for each sector so that the respective PSUs can approach them on important strategic decisions;