

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Security Deposit on 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for North Eastern States has been enhanced from Rs. 900/- to Rs. 1150/- and for rest of the country from Rs. 1250/- to Rs. 1450/-.

(c) and (d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have informed that release of new LPG connections including DBC has not been stopped.

Customers desirous of taking new LPG connection have to register their names at the distributorship along-with a completed Know Your Customer (KYC) form. A new subsidized LPG connection is released after completing the de-duplication exercise and verification of the data of the customer concerned.

Further, instant LPG connections at non-subsidised rates are available without de-duplication. After completion of de-duplication process, the connection can be converted to a subsidized one.

The new connections are being processed as per the policy in vogue and released as per demand.

#### **Kerosene quota for Rajasthan**

†2751. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is geographically the largest State of the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the quota of kerosene for Rajasthan keeping in view the geographical condition and population of the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal to increase the PDS Kerosene quota for the State of Rajasthan.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene quota of the States/UTs is broadly determined by rationalizing the previous years allocation on the basis of factors, such as increase in Domestic LPG connections, lapse of PDS Kerosene quota and cap on the PDS Kerosene allocation for non-LPG population. The same process has been followed while allocating PDS Kerosene for the State of Rajasthan for the year 2012-13.

#### **Vision 2015 for LPG sector**

2752. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Vision-2015' adopted for LPG sector will able to achieve the objective of having minimum one LPG distributor in each block of the country in a time bound manner; and

(b) if so, the details of distributors existing at block-levels in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government has formulated the "Vision-2015" for LPG sector to raise the country's LPG population coverage to 75% by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections between 2009 and 2015, specially in rural areas. For this purpose special scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana" (RGGLV) for establishing small-size LPG distribution agencies was launched on 16.10.2009. Advertisements inviting applications for distributorships under the scheme have been released by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) covering 5261 locations, out of which 1591 distributors have been commissioned. As on 01.11.2012, OMCs have enrolled 21.31 Lakh domestic LPG customers through these RGGLV distributorships in the country. OMCs have reported that during the next 3 year additional 3760 RGGLVs would be set up. As on 01.04.2012, the total number of blocks in the country is 6531, out of which 3828 have been covered by the LPG distributorships and the number of blocks, where advertisements have been released but not commissioned is 1730.