

Effect of limiting subsidized LPG cylinders on MDMS

226. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has written to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on the decision to limit subsidized LPG cylinders to six a year as it would cost about ₹ 652 crore additional burden for the world's largest school feeding programme, the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address this issue appropriately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development had requested Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to allow supply of subsidized LPG cylinders under Mid Day Meal Scheme as it entailed an additional burden of Rs. 653 crore on MDMS due to increase in the prices of the LPG cylinders. The request of this Ministry has not been agreed to, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has advised that the additional burden could be compensated to the Ministry of HRD through the budgetary provision for Mid Day Meal Scheme.

(c) Steps have been initiated to enhance cooking cost, which includes the fuel cost.

Setting up of model schools

227. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is contemplating to set up Model Schools/ Rashtriya Adarsh Vidyalayas under the Public-Private-Partnership model;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the details of the modalities worked out in this regard;

(d) the time schedule fixed for setting up of Model Schools; and

(e) the number of such Model Schools to be set up in the country, State-wise, and the criteria proposed to be fixed for selection of their location?