

Year	Utilization (%)	Production (MMT)
2012-13	105.7	5.75
2013-14	108.0	5.95
2014-15	99.1	5.41

(c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited has informed that it plans to expand the capacity of Barauni Refinery from 6.0 MMTPA to 9.0 MMTPA in following two phases:-

Phase-I: Expansion from 6.0 MMTPA to 7.0 MMTPA

Phase-II: Expansion beyond 7.0 MMTPA to 9.0 MMTPA.

Savings on cooking gas subsidies

1880. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total savings on cooking gas subsidies due to direct benefit transfer scheme along with the gas connections identified during 2014-15;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce similar scheme for kerosene users, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to create a digitized data bank of domestic kerosene user and launch of DBT scheme for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Under Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG consumers (DBTL) called PAHAL, subsidy amount is directly transferred to the bank account of LPG consumers. As on 31.07.2015, 13.80 crore customers have joined the PAHAL Scheme. The amount of LPG subsidy provided during FY 2013-14 was ₹ 52231 crore and during FY 2014-15 was ₹ 40591 crore which amounts to a saving of ₹ 11,640 crore. This saving in subsidy is mainly due to fall in oil prices and implementation of PAHAL Scheme.

(b) and (c) Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Petroleum and Natural Gas has written letters to Chief Ministers of States/Administrators of UTs requesting them to identify 2-3 districts, with a view to implement Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme in Kerosene on pilot basis in different States.