

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7013
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
SUBSIDY BILL
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has requested the Union Government to consider an alternative mechanism by which the company stops picking up the kerosene and cooking gas subsidy bill but is adjusted against the dividend pay out the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): No, Sir. While ONGC have been discussing with Government issues arising out of their sharing the burden of subsidies, they have not proposed that their subsidy burden be adjusted against their dividend pay-out to Government.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.