

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2013  
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ALLOTMENT OF KEROSENE TO FISHERMEN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the fishermen are facing immense difficulties to procure kerosene for their day-to-day livelihood who are still using country boats;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the quota of kerosene with regard to the demands of the State or allow them to import kerosene for their needs with the permission of Union Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) distributed under Public Distribution System (PDS) is meant for the purpose of cooking and illumination only. There is no separate SKO allocation for the fisheries sector. Government Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been permitted to market their indigenously produced surplus SKO which is available in plenty at prevailing market price. Government OMCs can be contacted for meeting the SKO requirement for fisheries sector.