

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:358
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2004
CONSUMPTION OF LPG IN THE COUNTRY
Athawale Shri Ramdas

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

- (a) whether the Government have assessed the yearly consumption of LPG in the country ;
- (b) if so, the approximate total requirement and consumption of LPG for commercial and domestic use in the country during the current year ;
- (c) whether the LPG produced through indigenous sources is inadequate to meet its demand and is imported from foreign countries ;
- (d) if so, the quantum of LPG supplies through indigenous sources and imported from foreign countries during the last three years ; and
- (e) the amount of subsidy being provided on per cylinder on imported and indigenous gas by the Government ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 358 BY SHRI RAMDAS BANDU ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2004 REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF LPG IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The consumption of LPG is assessed on an yearly basis. Estimated consumption for the current year i.e. 2004-05 is as under :-

(Figures in Thousand)

Metric Tons (TMT)

Domestic	9,582
Non-Domestic	545

Total	10,127
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(c) & (d) : Production of LPG from indigenous sources is inadequate to meet the demand in the country at present. The shortfall in availability is met through imports. Indigenous production and imports of LPG in the last three years are as under :-

(Figures in TMT)

Year	Indigenous Production	Imports
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2001-02	6,992	659
2002-03	7,288	1,073

(e) : The estimated subsidy provided by Government on domestic LPG for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 40.65 per cylinder, based on the phasing out the subsidy in 5 years.