

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide LPG subsidy only to the very poor people :
- (b) if so, whether Union Government has sought the opinion of the State Governments in this matter ; and
- (c) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : This Ministry had asked for the views of the State Governments on the suggestion of restricting the supplies of subsidized domestic LPG to only the BPL families. This matter was also subsequently discussed in a meeting held in this Ministry in December, 2005 with the representatives of the State Governments, and the view that emerged in the meeting was that subsidized domestic LPG is used to a considerable extent by APL families also and thus restricting it to only BPL families may not serve any purpose.