

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

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SMART CARDS TO COOKING GAS/ KEROSENE CONSUMERS

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce smart cards on the lines of ration cards to consumers of cooking gas and kerosene with a view to check diversion of kitchen fuels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the idea behind introducing this card;
- (c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) the States where it is likely to be introduced initially?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Government is considering a proposal for introduction of Smart Card for distribution of PDS Kerosene on an experimental basis with a view to better targeting the subsidy for intended beneficiaries.
- (c) & (d): No final decision has been taken as yet.