

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

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

- (a) the present status of Jan Kerosene Pariyojana ;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme to some more areas ; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof, area-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The Government approved an innovative pilot project for radically revamping the PDS kerosene distribution network to ensure that this heavily subsidized product is actually made available in the required quantities at subsidized prices to the intended beneficiaries, as well as to reverse and eventually eliminate the diversion of PDS Kerosene for adulteration. The pilot project under the name of Jan Kerosene Pariyojana (JKP) was launched with effect from 2nd October, 2005 initially for a period of 6 months. Government has been reviewing the JKP from time to time and is taking necessary action to further streamline the system. The JKP pilot project has been launched in 414 blocks spread over 24 States in the country. However, the State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan have decided not to continue with implementation of JKP pilot project in 24 blocks and 13 blocks in the States with effect from 1.7.2006 and 1.10.2006 respectively.

Based on the Diagnostic Study conducted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and reviews taken by the Government, the pilot scheme was initially extended for 3 months up to 30th June 2006 and again up to 30th September 2006. It has now been further extended up to 30th June 2007. Thereafter, the working of the Scheme would be assessed and based on the experience gained, the Government will consider scaling the Scheme to cover the entire country.