

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

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SUPPLY OF LPG BY PRIVATE COMPANIES .
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to hand over the supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to private companies ; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of companies which are likely to be given permission for supply LPG ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : At present, a large proportion of available LPG is supplied as subsidized domestic LPG in the country. In 2005-06, about 96 % of total available LPG was marketed as subsidized LPG. Subsidized LPG is marketed by the oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPC) and IBP Co. (IBP). In addition to the Government subsidy, the oil companies share the burden of subsidizing this product.

Considering the present mechanism of meeting the subsidy on domestic LPG, which constitutes a major proportion of the total LPG marketed in the country, there is no proposal to hand over the supply of LPG to private companies.