

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

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CONSUMPTION OF KEROSENE

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

- (a) whether the consumption of kerosene oil in the country is increasing every year;
- (b) if so, the details of the consumption of kerosene oil during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding reasons behind increase in consumption of kerosene oil every year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand?

**Answer**

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

(a) &(b): The details of consumption of kerosene for the last three years are as under:

(In Thousand Metric Tonnes) (TMTs)  
2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07  
(Apr-Dec  
(Provisional)

Consumption 10230 9395 9541 7040

(c) to (e): The Government of India allocates Kerosene under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to the States/UTs on quarterly basis for further distribution to eligible consumers by the States/UTs. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Government of India in 2000, Kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 till 2003-04, taking into account the number of LPG connections released in each State/Union Territory. While the initial allotment for 2004-05 was based on the criteria adopted hitherto, additional allocations were made during the year to meet urgent emergent demand. For the year 2005-06, allocations have been maintained at the level of 2004-05, including additional allocations made during that year. For the year 2006-07, allocations have been maintained at the level of 2005-06.

At present, India`s domestic consumption of kerosene is more than the domestic production of kerosene. The shortfall in domestic production of kerosene is met through imports by Oil Marketing Companies.