

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any criteria to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Distributors regarding issue of LPG connections to the Below Poverty Line people and other category beneficiaries in States/ UTs including National Capital Territory of Delhi, where sale of Kerosene is totally banned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the criteria for providing LPG connections to such beneficiaries; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and alternate steps taken by the Government to provide LPG connections to such categories/ beneficiaries ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) A scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families in the rural areas for release of new domestic LPG connection under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) is in operation. As per the scheme, the security deposit for the domestic LPG cylinder and pressure regulator is paid from a fund created through contributions from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of ONGC, OIL, GAIL, BPCL, HPCL and IOC.

Under the above mentioned scheme, the BPL card holder can register with the distributor for release of a new LPG connection. The same is sent by distributor to local administration for authentication. Intimation letters are sent to the BPL card holders after receipt of authenticated list.

Apart from the above, in the recent past, Delhi Government announced a scheme, "Kerosene Free Dilli" to make NCT of Delhi kerosene free. New domestic LPG connection is issued free of cost to the BPL/ AAY & JRC card holders of Delhi getting kerosene supply. 50% of security deposit of LPG cylinder & pressure regulator is borne by Delhi Government and the remaining 50% by the OMCs through the common CSR fund mentioned above.