

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

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

- (a) the time by which Double Bottle Cylinders (DBC) are likely to be provided to consumers after allotting them LPG connections keeping in view of the problems faced by the consumers;
- (b) whether purchase of accessories from gas agencies is mandatory for consumers after getting DBC ;
- (c) if so, whether the Government would do away with mandatory purchase of accessories;and
- (d) if so, the time by which and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a): Except for occasional shortage of equipment at some LPG distributors, Double Bottle Connections (DBC) are being released to the consumers immediately, on demand. Wherever there is waiting list for release of DBC, the same is released as per the waiting list serial number for which sufficient equipments are being made available to liquidate the waiting list for DBC.
- (b) to (d): Consumers are not under any compulsion to purchase accessories from the LPG distributors and are at liberty to buy any accessories from any source of their choice. A message to this effect is displayed in all the show-rooms of the LPG distributors of OMCs and in case of any established complaints in this respect, action as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) is taken against the erring distributors.