

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3553  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019**

LPG Distribution in Hilly Areas

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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating/proposes to formulate any scheme for providing LPG to every household in hilly States of the country including Uttarakhand along with the percentage of distribution so as to prevent the deforestation and ensure the protection of the environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it would be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) to (c) In order to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households especially in rural areas, the Government had launched “Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana” on 01.05.2016 under which deposit-free LPG connections are given to poor families. Under the Scheme, LPG connection is released in the name of adult woman of the poor family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and conditions. The Scheme is under implementation across the country including the State of Uttarakhand. As on 08.07.2019, Oil Marketing Companies have released more than 7.34 crore LPG connections under the Scheme against the target of 8 crore connections.

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