

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2530  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

Dependence on Kerosene

2530 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether reduction of dependence on kerosene is a priority for Government;
- (b) whether large segments of the population are still dependent upon kerosene, the district-wise details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken to reduce the dependency on kerosene; and
- (d) the number of States that are kerosene free?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) to (c) Yes, allocation of PDS (Public Distribution System) Kerosene to States/UTs is rationalized on account of factors such as increase in domestic LPG/PNG connections, electricity coverage, non-lifting of PDS Kerosene quota by the concerned States/UTs etc. The allocation of PDS Kerosene made in last two years and current year is as under:

Year	PDS Kerosene allocation in KL	% REDUCTION
2018-19	4432994	11.62
2019-20	3121328	29.59
2020-21	2315008	25.83

- (d) There are 10 States/UTs which have become kerosene free.

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