

Indian LPG, kerosene cheapest in subcontinent

Petrol costs the least in Pakistan, Sri Lankans charged the lowest for diesel, according to PPAC data

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Even as petrol and diesel prices in the country shoot up and decline in tune international crude prices, Indian consumers may take some solace from comparisons of prices of cooking gas and kerosene in India with its neighbours. Prices in the country for these two cooking fuels is still the cheapest in the subcontinent, according to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell.

India has a total of 22.43 crore active liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) customers in the domestic category, according to government data, of which more than 18.11 crore, or greater than 80%, avail the subsidy.

'81% LPG coverage'

The LPG coverage of the country estimated on the basis of active domestic con-

Cooking fuel is another story

Prices in India for LPG and kerosene are the lowest compared with rates that its neighbours charge. The country has 22.43 cr. active LPG customers. More than 80% avail the subsidy



Country	Petrol	Diesel	LPG	Kerosene
India	78.29	69.20	493.55	25.02
Pakistan	49.9	57.84	1,039.52	46.78
Bangladesh	69.63	52.62	643.79	52.62
Sri Lanka	58.67	46.68	815.3	43.25
Nepal	69.37	58.02	867.11	58.02

(Prices in ₹)
Source: PPAC data as on Jun 1.

nections and estimated households as on April 1 is about 80.9%. Consumers in India paid ₹493.55 for an LPG cy-

linder weighing 14.2 kg, averaging ₹34.76 per kg for a subsidised cylinder and ₹671 or ₹47.25 for a non-subsi-

dised cylinder as on June 1.

Comparatively, consumers in Pakistan pay ₹1039.52 for a domestic LPG cylinder weighing 11.8 kg or ₹88.95 per kg, making it the highest in the Indian subcontinent.

Users in Sri Lanka and Nepal pay ₹815.30 and ₹867.11 for 12.5-kg and 14.2-kg cylinders, respectively. This translates to a price of ₹65.22 per kg in Sri Lanka and ₹61.06 per kg in Nepal. Consumers in Bangladesh pay ₹643.79 for 12.5 kg LPG cylinders, which comes to ₹51.5 per kg.

Indians began paying ₹25.03 per litre for kerosene from June 1. Consumers in Pakistan pay ₹46.78 per litre, while those in Bangladesh pay ₹52.62 per litre. Consumers in Sri Lanka have to pay ₹43.25 per litre of kerosene and Nepal charges ₹58.02 per litre.

Though Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had said

vows to keep petrol and diesel prices within the reach of the common man, they are still the highest in the subcontinent, after about a fortnight of price reductions.

'Petrol, diesel costlier'

Buyers shell out ₹76.43 in New Delhi) for a litre of petrol as on June 8, which is almost 53% more than the ₹49.9 paid by consumers in Pakistan, 30% more than the ₹58.67 charged in Sri Lanka and about 10% more the ₹69.37 and ₹69.63 paid by consumers in Nepal and Bangladesh, respectively.

Prices in metros like Mumbai (₹84.26), Kolkata (₹79.10) and Chennai (₹79.33) are even more due to higher State levies.

Indians pay ₹67.85 in New Delhi for a litre of diesel, more than 45% higher, compared with the ₹46.68 paid by consumers in Sri Lanka.