

Regarding hike in prices of LPG cylinder and its impact on domestic households and commercial establishments in the country-Laid

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the recent increase in the price of LPG cylinders across the country. The price of the 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder has been increased by ₹60, while the 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder has been increased by ₹144 in many cities. This increase has created a serious burden on common people. LPG is an essential item used for cooking in almost every household. When its price increases, it directly affects the daily expenses of families, especially the middle-class and poor households. The increase in the price of commercial LPG cylinders is also affecting small businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and small food stalls. Many of these establishments depend entirely on LPG for their daily work. The price hike is forcing them to either increase food prices or reduce their operations. It is also reported that this is the second increase in LPG prices within the last eleven months, which has further increased the financial pressure on people. Therefore, I urge the Government to review this price hike and take necessary steps to provide relief to households and small businesses.