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**Vedanta urges employees to support Indian PMO's 'Opt out of LPG Subsidy' scheme to benefit the needy**

**Delhi, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015:** The Vedanta group of companies supports Indian Prime Minister's 'Give It Up' campaign and urged those employees who can afford it, to make a personal contribution towards nation-building by participating in the 'Opt out of LPG Subsidy' scheme. This worthy initiative resonates with Vedanta's alignment to the nation's cause and has appealed to all employees who can afford to manage without the gas cylinder subsidy, to voluntarily surrender and opt for a full-price cooking gas.

"We have always aligned with the national cause that will enable the much needed funds to reach more households of the needy. The 'Opt out of LPG Subsidy' scheme has our whole hearted support, and we have encouraged the members of the Vedanta family to help achieve the target of 1 crore people giving up LPG subsidies by the end of the financial year," said Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta group.

The PM while addressing the Urja Sangam, an international energy summit in New Delhi last week in Delhi, had said that the voluntary surrender of subsidized LPG cylinders has helped the government to save Rs 100 crore so far. The government is of the belief that one crore consumers (households) from 15.3 domestic LPG consumers across India will surrender this facility.

The subsidy burden to the Indian government was more than Rs. 40,000 crores during 2013-14. The surrendered subsidy will be given to a new consumer, reduce the Indian government's subsidy bill and help finances reach more households of the poor. A written



request may be submitted to the distributor or through <http://www.givitung.in/> to opt for full-price cooking gas, and be a part of the #GiveItUp campaign.

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