

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th AUGUST, 2022**

PMUY in Tamil Nadu

2544 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme is applicable nationwide and State-wise also and requires extensive dissemination, and a proposed fresh target to add 10 million more PMUY beneficiaries to the existing 80 million, if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is committed to create smoke-free environment in rural areas and if so, number of gas connections sanctioned and number of beneficiaries under PMUY in Tamil Nadu for the last five years, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (c) the measures Government is going to take to implement the scheme in tribal areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c) In order to provide clean and environment friendly cooking fuel to poor households, especially in rural areas, the Government had launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in May 2016 across the country including the tribal areas of Tamil Nadu. The primary objective of the PMUY is to provide access to clean cooking fuel LPG to poor households thereby protecting their health by reducing the serious health hazards associated with use of conventional cooking fuel such as firewood, coal, cow dung etc. which cause severe indoor household air pollution. Use of LPG as cooking fuel frees women from the drudgery of collecting firewood, reduces time spent on cooking and prevents deforestation.

Government and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have taken several steps to disseminate the scheme, which include organising LPG panchayat, social media campaign, public events for distribution of connections, public awareness campaigns etc.

The Government achieved the target to distribute 8 crore connections under the Scheme in September, 2019, 7 months ahead of target date of completion. Further, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August, 2021 and the initial target to release 1 crore connections was achieved in January, 2022. The Government extended the Scheme to release additional 60 lakh LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and OMCs have released total 1.45 crore LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 as on 01.08.2022. Out of total 9.44 crore of PMUY beneficiaries, more than 33 % beneficiaries belong to SC/ST. District-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years are given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to part (a) to (c) of Unstarred Rajys Sabha Parliament Question No. 2544 to be answered on 08.08.2022 asked by Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar regarding "PMUY in Tamil Nadu"					
District	District-wise and Year-wise connections released under PMUY in Tamil Nadu				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2021-22
Ariyalur	7,379	8,419	25,979	1,941	8,254
Coimbatore	4,940	10,621	23,137	1,339	1,507
Kanniyakumari	6,594	12,624	47,345	958	3,197
Chennai	631	2,805	24,532	212	197
Madurai	5,001	32,644	85,753	3,662	10,459
The Nilgiris	964	969	9,104	445	2,704
Vellore	10,776	54,967	1,80,095	2,427	1,207
PUDUKKOTTAI	15,327	34,106	88,068	2,334	16,056
Ramanathapuram	6,758	18,062	1,15,551	1,218	487
Salem	13,741	47,924	92,951	4,044	7,313
Dharmapuri	6,430	24,383	45,439	4,402	12,441
Thanjavur	12,559	17,240	61,600	4,007	12,697
TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI	5,099	29,443	79,819	4,464	9,520
Thiruvallur	6,691	19,700	77,515	1,571	1,805
Tiruvannamalai	9,355	37,736	1,34,573	6,487	4,110
Cuddalore	19,537	57,342	1,52,192	734	5,471
Viluppuram	44,337	31,751	1,37,847	8,976	10,617
Kancheepuram	15,021	30,510	69,606	959	1,610
Perambalur	916	14,865	16,155	550	5,566
Thoothukkudi	9,939	25,442	55,251	2,123	2,335
Tirunelveli	9,716	30,707	86,114	1,640	2,139
Virudhunagar	6,176	25,871	62,797	1,881	4,227
Theni	3,924	14,731	28,585	2,482	4,377
DINDIGUL	649	27,547	85,624	3,188	9,125
Sivaganga	770	10,848	38,575	5,951	6,833
Karur	1,612	11,407	25,353	808	5,442
THIRUVARUR	21,594	9,852	39,726	9,639	11,443
Nagapattinam	7,270	20,038	44,455	8,657	7,599
Erode	3,206	21,928	49,998	2,961	8,397
Namakkal	7,259	27,747	59,267	4,129	6,438
Krishnagiri	6,767	24,821	54,241	5,071	5,554
Tiruppur	1,811	8,252	26,545	1,114	4,561
Chengalpattu	N/A - New Districts formed				6,398
Kallakurichi					5,479
Tirupathur					1,041
Ranipet					1,354
Tenkasi					2,620
MAYILADUTHURAI					3,645
TOTAL	2,72,749	7,45,302	21,23,792	1,00,374	1,93,688

Note : PMUY was not operational during 2020-21.

Source :- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. on behalf of Oil Marketing Companies.