

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2550**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 08 AUGUST, 2022

Controlling rise in LPG prices

2550 Shri Ashok Kumar Mittal:

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

- (a) whether Government is preparing any concrete action plan to control the price hike on domestic LPG which has severely impact the beneficiaries of the Ujjwala-2.0 Yojana by incapacitating them to refill their cylinders due to the price hike;
- (b) the reasons for holding back the subsidy on LPG; and
- (c) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. India imports about 58 % of its LPG requirement. Prices of LPG in the country are based on Saudi Contract Price (CP), the benchmark for international prices of LPG. Saudi CP has risen approximately 218% from April, 2020 to June, 2022 (236 USD/MT to 750 USD/MT).

Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. The subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank account of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, w.e.f. 21 May, 2022, the Government has started a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for year 2022-23.

Total number of refills and per capita consumption of PMUY consumers have shown a rising trend. Details of LPG refills and per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries for the last 4 years are as under:

Financial Year	Number of refills taken by PMUY beneficiaries in terms of 14.2 Kg refill	Per Capita consumption in terms of 14.2 Kg refills
2018-19	15.99 crore	3.00
2019-20	22.72 crore	3.01
2020-21*	35.11 crore	4.39
2021-22	31.26 crore	3.68

*Including 3 free refills for PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP)