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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

1250 # Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the objective and eligibility of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana 2.0;
- (b) the total number of gas connections provided in the State of Rajasthan under the first phase and 2.0 of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of gas connections provided to SCs and STs through the first phase and 2.0 of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched on 01.05.2016 to release deposit free LPG connection in the name of adult woman member of poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and as on 01.01.2023, the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections has already been achieved.

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.

LPG connection under PMUY is released in the name of adult women of the poor households, provided no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and conditions. Households belonging to Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list or from seven other categories such as Scheduled Caste (SC) Households, Scheduled Tribe (ST) Households, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin), Beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, Resident of islands/ river islands, Tea garden / ex-tea garden workers or poor households not covered under the above categories by submitting 14 point declaration are eligible for a PMUY connection. The eligibility criteria of Ujjwala 2.0 is same as that for PMUY Phase-1. However, under Ujjwala 2.0, a special provision has been made for migrant families who can use a self-declaration instead of Proof of Address and Ration Card to apply for a PMUY connection.

(b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have released total 69.28 lakh LPG connections under PMUY in the State of Rajasthan which includes 5.75 lakh LPG connections released under Ujjwala 2.0 .

(c) OMCs have released total 3.11 crore LPG connections across the country to SC/ST category under PMUY including 7.35 lakh LPG connections released under Ujjwala 2.0
