

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408**  
ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023

**BPL BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMUY**

1408 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

(a) the details of the total number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana including the number of BPL beneficiary families in the country as on 31st December, 2022-28th February, 2023 State-wise;

(b) the total number of free refills provided in the State of Rajasthan to PMUY beneficiaries during last three years including the total number of free refills that each beneficiary can avail under Garib Kalyan Yojana; and

(c) whether the number of women using traditional fireplace has decreased with the introduction of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE 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. 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), Beneficiary of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin), Beneficiary of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, Resident of islands/ river islands, Tea garden / ex-tea garden worker or poor households not covered under the above categories by submitting 14 point declaration are eligible for a PMUY connection. 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. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY is at **Annexure I**.

(b) During Covid-19 pandemic, to reduce the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by the pandemic, a scheme for providing upto 3 (three) free of cost LPG refills to PMUY beneficiaries was started for three months w.e.f. 01.04.2020 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP). The scheme was extended till September 30, 2020 and subsequently, till 31st December, 2020 for those beneficiaries who had been credited with the advance for buying refill, but could not buy the refill. Under this Scheme, 1.11 crore free refills were provided in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) Under PMUY, 9.6 crore poor households who were using traditional cooking fuels have been provided with LPG connections. Further, per capita consumption of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries has improved from 3.01 refills in 2019-20 to 3.68 in 2021-22.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1408 to be answered on 13.03.2023 regarding "BPL beneficiaries under PMUY" asked by Shri Rajendra Gehlot

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>LPG connections under PMUY as on 01.02.2023</b>
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,447
Andhra Pradesh	5,12,466
Arunachal Pradesh	49,326
Assam	44,02,403
Bihar	1,07,30,847
Chandigarh	661
Chhattisgarh	34,94,708
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	15,030
Delhi	1,42,343
Goa	1,222
Gujarat	38,44,040
Haryana	7,67,674
Himachal Pradesh	1,40,841
UT of Jammu and Kashmir	12,45,339
Jharkhand	36,47,725
Karnataka	37,59,465
Kerala	3,41,270
UT of Ladakh	11,092
Lakshadweep	316
Madhya Pradesh	82,28,808
Maharashtra	48,90,552
Manipur	2,02,081
Meghalaya	2,14,988
Mizoram	33,607
Nagaland	92,066
Odisha	53,25,042
Puducherry	14,834
Punjab	12,84,059
Rajasthan	69,28,018
Sikkim	13,798
Tamil Nadu	37,06,464
Telangana	11,52,950
Tripura	2,83,577
Uttar Pradesh	1,75,07,223
Uttarakhand	4,97,842
West Bengal	1,23,73,995

Source: Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies