

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2206
ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2023

PMUY BENEFICIARIES

2206 MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries refill their cylinders;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who had applied for more than four refills in the year 2022- 23;
- (c) the reasons for the drop in budgetary allocation for DBT as a subsidy to households for purchasing refills from 2022-23 to 2023-24; and
- (d) whether Government plans to provide the subsidy before the purchase of refills is made?

ANSWER

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

(a) Out of 8.99 crore PMUY connections released since inception upto 31.03.2022, more than 8.82 crore (98%) PMUY beneficiaries have taken refills.

(b) Out of 8.99 crore LPG connections released under PMUY Scheme as on 31st March, 2022, 2.51 crore PMUY beneficiaries have taken more than four refills during 2022-23 (April-February, 2023).

(c) Under PAHAL Scheme, LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised price and the applicable subsidy is transferred directly into the bank account of the consumers. In so far as budgetary allocation is concerned, Government reviews its budgetary requirements during the course of year based on emerging situations and expenditure position. For instance, the funds allocated for PMUY for the year 2022-23 at Budget Estimates stage were Rs. 800 crore which were revised to Rs. 8000 crore at Revised Estimates stage.

Further, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have suffered huge losses on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate these losses, Government has provided a one-time compensation of Rs. 22000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23. In addition, Government is also providing subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 kg cylinder for upto 12 cylinders, to PMUY consumers, during FY 2022-23.

(d) No Sir.