

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2222
ANSWERED ON 20/03/2023

Price rise of cooking gas

2222 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) whether the retail prices of domestic and commercial LPG cylinders have seen an increase during the last five years;
- (b) the details on the rise in price of domestic and commercial gas cylinders since 2017;
- (c) the reason cooking gas rates are increasing sharply despite of the claims that the prices will come down if it is included in GST; and
- (d) the actions taken by Government to help the households and commercial consumers affected with the retail price rise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Government continues to modulate the effective price of domestic LPG. While the Saudi Contract Prices (CP) on which domestic LPG prices are based rose by 235 % from 236 \$/MT in April 2020 to 790 \$/MT in February 2023, retail selling price of domestic LPG has increased only by 89.7 % from Rs 581.5 in May 2020 to Rs 1103 in March 2023 and effective cost for PMUY rose only by 55.2 % during the same period. While for domestic LPG, Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumers, prices of commercial LPG are set by LPG marketing companies independently. The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Domestic (14.2 kg) and Commercial (19 kg) LPG cylinders since 2017 are given at Annexure.

To insulate domestic LPG consumers from the international price fluctuations, Government modulates the price of domestic LPG. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have suffered huge losses on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate these losses, the Government has recently paid a one-time compensation of Rs. 22000 crore to OMCs. Further, w.e.f. 21.05.2022, 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 for year 2022-23. During Covid-19 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) to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by the pandemic. Under this Scheme, 14.17 crore free refills were provided across the country.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2222 asked by Shri Elamaram Kareem to be answered on 20.03.2023 regarding “Price rise of cooking gas”

Date Effective From	RSP of Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2Kg cylinder)	RSP of Commercial LPG (Rs./19Kg cylinder)
1-Jan-17	585.00	1054.50
1-Feb-17	651.50	1150.00
1-Mar-17	737.50	1287.00
1-Apr-17	723.00	1265.50
1-May-17	631.00	1121.00
1-Jun-17	552.50	996.00
1-Jul-17	564.00	1017.50
1-Aug-17	524.00	966.00
1-Sep-17	597.50	1081.00
30-Sep-17	599.00	1081.00
1-Oct-17	649.00	1164.00
1-Nov-17	742.00	1310.50
1-Dec-17	747.00	1318.50
1-Jan-18	741.00	1310.00
1-Feb-18	736.00	1305.50
1-Mar-18	689.00	1230.00
1-Apr-18	653.50	1176.50
1-May-18	650.50	1167.50
1-Jun-18	698.50	1244.50
1-Jul-18	754.00	1328.00
1-Aug-18	789.50	1371.00
1-Sep-18	820.00	1418.00
1-Oct-18	879.00	1512.00
1-Nov-18	939.00	1606.50
7-Nov-18	942.50	1614.50
1-Dec-18	809.50	1404.50
1-Jan-19	689.00	1214.50
1-Feb-19	659.00	1170.50
1-Mar-19	701.50	1237.00
1-Apr-19	706.50	1305.50
1-May-19	712.50	1328.00
1-Jun-19	737.50	1328.00
1-Jul-19	637.00	1130.00
1-Aug-19	574.50	1004.00
1-Sep-19	590.00	1054.50
1-Oct-19	605.00	1085.00

1-Nov-19	681.50	1204.00
1-Dec-19	695.00	1211.50
1-Jan-20	714.00	1241.00
1-Feb-20	714.00	1466.00
12-Feb-20	858.50	1466.00
1-Mar-20	805.50	1381.50
1-Apr-20	744.00	1285.50
1-May-20	581.50	1029.50
1-Jun-20	593.00	1139.50
1-Jul-20	594.00	1135.50
2-Dec-20	644.00	1296.00
15-Dec-20	694.00	1332.00
4-Feb-21	719.00	1533.00
15-Feb-21	769.00	1523.50
25-Feb-21	794.00	1519.00
1-Mar-21	819.00	1614.00
1-Apr-21	809.00	1641.00
1-Jul-21	834.50	1550.00
17-Aug-21	859.50	1618.00
1-Sep-21	884.50	1693.00
6-Oct-21	899.50	1734.00
22-Mar-22	949.50	2003.50
7-May-22	999.50	2346.00
19-May-22	1003.00	2354.00
22-May-22	1003.00	2354.00
6-Jul-22	1053.00	2012.50
1-Aug-22	1053.00	1976.50
1-Sep-22	1053.00	1885.00
1-Oct-22	1053.00	1859.50
1-Nov-22	1053.00	1744.00
1-Dec-22	1053.00	1744.00
1-Jan-23	1053.00	1769.00
1-Feb-23	1053.00	1769.00
1-Mar-23	1103.00	2119.50

Source: IOCL