

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3015**  
ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023

**CLEAN COOKING ENERGY FOR URBAN SLUMS**

3015 SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase or promote LPG use in urban slums to increase access to clean cooking energy and improve air quality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether considering the air pollution due to reliance on polluting fuels for cooking in urban slums, Government plans to extend the Ujjwala scheme to target more beneficiaries in poor households in urban slums; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) 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. 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.

Per capita consumption of domestic LPG by PMUY beneficiaries has increased from 3.01 (FY 2019-20) to 3.68 (FY 2021-22) refills of 14.2 Kg. To further increase LPG usage, Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, which include subsidy of Rs. 200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year for PMUY beneficiaries for years 2022-2023 and 2023-24, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection(DBC), swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package from April to December 2020 etc. To create awareness about the scheme and also to address any issue pertaining to LPG usage, OMCs regularly conduct LPG Panchayats for the customers.

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