GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3021 ANSWERED ON 27/03/2023

SUBSIDY ON COOKING GAS

3021 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the subsidy which was given on cooking gas;

(b) if so, the details of the order that has been issued in this regard;

(c) whether Government would reinstate the subsidy on cooking gas to give relief to the general public or has the subsidy been withdrawn forever?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Prices of LPG in the country are based on Saudi Contract Price (CP), the benchmark for international prices of LPG. However, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Domestic LPG. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, subsidy as admissible, is deposited in the account of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, w.e.f. 21st May, 2022, the Government has announced a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24. 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.

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