

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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REFILL UNDER PMUY

3652 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether in the last financial year, 90 lakh beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) did not refill their cylinders;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether over 1 crore beneficiaries refilled their cylinders only once; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, availability of alternate fuels etc.

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. Number of consumers regularly taking refills under PMUY has also been rising each year. 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.

As on 31.03.2021, there were 7.99 crore Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) households in the country. Out of these 7.99 crore beneficiaries, 7.07 crore (89%) beneficiaries have taken at least one refill during 2021-22.