

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 106
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

Continuous rise in prices of LPG cylinders

106 Dr. M. Thambidurai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of LPG cylinders are continuously on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details of such an increase in prices during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there has been an increase even when the prices of other petrol related products see a decline in the international market; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to stabilize the prices of LPG cylinders and also to insulate public from huge variation in prices?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 106 for reply on 31.07.2023 regarding Continuous rise in prices of LPG cylinders asked by Dr. M. Thambidurai.

(a) to (d): India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Prices of LPG in the country are linked to its price in the international market. However, for domestic LPG, Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer. The subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, 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 a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

During the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in international prices was not fully passed on retail prices, due to which the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered under recoveries of approximately Rs.28000 crore on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate this, the Government approved a one-time compensation of Rs. 22,000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23. During Covid Pandemic, Government also provided about 14.17 Crore free LPG refills to PMUY households under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package during 2020.

The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Petrol, Diesel and Domestic LPG in Delhi during last one year are given below:

RSP as on	Petrol (Rs./Litre)	Diesel (Rs./Litre)	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder)
25.07.2022	96.72	89.62	1053.00
01.03.2023	96.72	89.62	1103.00
25.07.2023	96.72	89.62	1103.00

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

The details of retail selling prices of domestic LPG at Delhi since April 2020 are given as Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 106 asked by Dr. M. Thambidurai to be answered on 31 July, 2023 regarding “Continuous rise in prices of LPG cylinders”

Effective Date	Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG at Delhi (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder)*
01-Apr-20	744.00
01-May-20	581.50
01-Jun-20	593.00
01-Jul-20	594.00
02-Dec-20	644.00
15-Dec-20	694.00
04-Feb-21	719.00
15-Feb-21	769.00
25-Feb-21	794.00
01-Mar-21	819.00
01-Apr-21	809.00
01-Jul-21	834.50
17-Aug-21	859.50
01-Sep-21	884.50
06-Oct-21	899.50
22-Mar-22	949.50
07-May-22	999.50
19-May-22	1003.00
06-Jul-22	1053.00
01-Mar-23	1103.00

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

Note: Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG excluding targeted subsidy (*DBT) of Rs.200 for PMUY consumers w.e.f. 21 May, 2022.