

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 35**  
**ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023**

**FACTORS AFFECTING LPG PRICES IN THE COUNTRY**

\* 35 SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) the details of LPG consumption, month-wise, from 2020-2023;
- (b) the details of domestic LPG prices, month-wise, from 2020-2023;
- (c) whether it is a fact that prices of LPG have been increasing day by day, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that increasing use of firewood/other sources of cooking fuel has started again, if so, the steps taken by Government to control the prices of LPG keeping in mind the poor people?

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) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023 REGARDING 'FACTORS AFFECTING LPG PRICES IN THE COUNTRY'**

(a) Details of month-wise LPG consumption from April 2019 to March 2023 are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (d) India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Government continues to modulate the effective price of domestic LPG. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, subsidy as admissible, is deposited in the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries.

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 to Indian citizens, due to which the Public Sector 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.

LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. 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 PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.01 (FY 2019-20) to 3.71 (FY 2022-23). Further, the Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG, which include targeted subsidy of Rs.200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year for PMUY beneficiaries for years 2022-23 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 2020 to December 2020 etc.

The details of Retail Selling Prices of domestic LPG at Delhi during the last three years are at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Parliament Question No. 35 for 24.07.2023 asked by Shri Sanjay Raut regarding “Factors Affecting LPG Prices in Country”**

<b>LPG consumption (in Thousand Metric Ton)</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
April	1900	2113	2102	2157
May	2054	2296	2156	2159
June	1793	2064	2251	2225
July	2219	2258	2357	2404
August	2402	2262	2317	2388
September	2164	2261	2356	2441
October	2348	2421	2481	2394
November	2261	2352	2336	2461
December	2354	2523	2469	2570
January	2435	2490	2562	2507
February	2106	2262	2393	2391
March	2293	2256	2472	2406

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell

**Annexure-II**

<b>Annexure referred to in part (b)to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Parliament Question No. 35 for 24.07.2023 asked by Shri Sanjay Raut regarding “Factors Affecting LPG Prices in Country”</b>	
<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG at Delhi (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder)</b>
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

- Targeted subsidy of Rs. 200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year is applicable for PMUY beneficiaries w.e.f 21.05.2022.