

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1262**

ANSWERED ON 31/07/2023

**Increase in domestic LPG prices**

**1262 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) the details of the increase in domestic LPG cylinder prices in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the beneficiaries under the Ujjwala scheme have reduced the purchase of gas cylinders and whether any study being done to verify this; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana are returning to old methods of cooking food instead of using dearer gas cylinders for the same?

**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. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. However, Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Domestic LPG. 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 to Indian citizens, due to which the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered under recoveries of approximately Rs.28000 crore on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate this, Government paid 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.

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. The consumption of LPG in the country has gone up from 19.62 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in 2015-16 to 28.50 MMT in FY 2022-23. Also, the number of domestic LPG consumers has increased from 16.67 crore as on 01.05.2016 to 31.5 crore (including 9.59 crore PMUY beneficiaries) as on 01.07.2023. The per capita consumption of LPG (in terms of no. of 14.2 Kg LPG refills per year) by PMUY households has gone up from 3.01 refills in 2019-20 to 3.71 refills in 2022-23.

The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Domestic LPG (14.2 kg) cylinders at Delhi since 2018 are given at Annexure.

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## Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1262 asked by Shri Ram Nath Thakur to be answered on 31 July 2023 regarding "Increase in domestic LPG prices"

<b>Date Effective From</b>	<b>RSP of Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2Kg cylinder)</b>
1-Apr-18	653.50
1-May-18	650.50
1-Jun-18	698.50
1-Jul-18	754.00
1-Aug-18	789.50
1-Sep-18	820.00
1-Oct-18	879.00
1-Nov-18	939.00
7-Nov-18	942.50
1-Dec-18	809.50
1-Jan-19	689.00
1-Feb-19	659.00
1-Mar-19	701.50
1-Apr-19	706.50
1-May-19	712.50
1-Jun-19	737.50
1-Jul-19	637.00
1-Aug-19	574.50
1-Sep-19	590.00
1-Oct-19	605.00
1-Nov-19	681.50
1-Dec-19	695.00
1-Jan-20	714.00
1-Feb-20	714.00
12-Feb-20	858.50
1-Mar-20	805.50
1-Apr-20	744.00
1-May-20	581.50
1-Jun-20	593.00
1-Jul-20	594.00
2-Dec-20	644.00
15-Dec-20	694.00
4-Feb-21	719.00
15-Feb-21	769.00

<b>Date Effective From</b>	<b>RSP of Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2Kg cylinder)</b>
25-Feb-21	794.00
1-Mar-21	819.00
1-Apr-21	809.00
1-Jul-21	834.50
17-Aug-21	859.50
1-Sep-21	884.50
6-Oct-21	899.50
22-Mar-22	949.50
7-May-22	999.50
19-May-22	1003.00
22-May-22	1003.00
6-Jul-22	1053.00
1-Aug-22	1053.00
1-Sep-22	1053.00
1-Oct-22	1053.00
1-Nov-22	1053.00
1-Dec-22	1053.00
1-Jan-23	1053.00
1-Feb-23	1053.00
1-Mar-23	1103.00

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

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