

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1265
ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2023**

LPG CONNECTIONS UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

1265 SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) the number of LPG connections that have been given under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana till date;
- (b) whether all the households provided with the LPG connection under this scheme is retaining the same, if not, the number of connections surrendered so far;
- (c) among the households retaining the connection, how many are refilling the gas cylinders and how many are not refilling it; and
- (d) whether the exponential increase in the prices of LPG cylinders are a reason for people surrendering the connection or not refilling the cylinders?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As on 01.07.2023, there are about 9.59 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) across the country, out of which 8.41 crore have taken at least one refill during 2022-23. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have reported that since inception of the PMUY Scheme, 5635 PMUY beneficiaries have surrendered their LPG connections.

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.
