

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2058**  
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2023

**Increase in retail price of LPG**

**2058 Shri Vaiko:**

**Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the justification to increase retail price of LPG periodically despite decline of crude oil price, when subsidy is only paltry amount;
- (b) the manner in which the poor women will pay for the LPG price under the target subsidy of ₹ 200, under PM Ujjwala Yojana, when prices of LPG cylinders are increased;
- (c) whether subsidy component will be increased under PMUY in view of periodical rise in price of LPG;
- (d) the number of LPG connections which were provided deposit free in last five years, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of LPG connections which were given under PMUY Phase-2, as on date, and details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): 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 and are based on Saudi Contract Price (CP), the benchmark for international prices of LPG. During the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, Saudi CP went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in international prices was not fully passed on in retail prices, due to which the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered under recoveries of approximately Rs. 28,000 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.

Price of domestic LPG (at Delhi) was Rs. 1053 w.e.f. 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and is Rs. 1103 in July 2023. For PMUY consumers effective price is Rs. 903 after a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per cylinder.

Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, the subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, w.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has already 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.

The details of number of connections given under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) state-wise during the last five years are given at Annexure-I

State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) are at Annexure-II.

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**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2058 asked by Shri Vaiko and Shri M. Shanmugam to be answered on 07 August 2023 regarding “Increase in retail price of LPG”.

The details of number of connections given under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) state-wise during the last five years.

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	6,178	4,547	-	811	46
Andhra Pradesh	2,62,554	49,262	-	25,222	95,643
Arunachal Pradesh	32,953	5,384	-	3,457	1,435
Assam	17,07,801	6,48,961	-	5,11,073	4,36,663
Bihar	29,81,636	6,43,107	-	16,13,210	6,44,405
Chandigarh	88	-	-	5	567
Chhattisgarh	7,40,584	2,96,736	-	3,73,735	1,41,558
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2,671	639	-	39	14
Daman and Diu	219	5	-		
Delhi	73,120	3,058	-	22,638	43,423
Goa	88	10	-	-	184
Gujarat	12,52,052	3,79,993	-	5,40,537	4,06,249
Haryana	3,23,344	50,472	-	13,675	29,077
Himachal Pradesh	83,177	23,048	-	2,058	2,520
Jammu and Kashmir	6,72,453	1,88,317	-	9,415	7,219
Jharkhand	17,01,032	3,56,981	-	2,19,486	1,72,600
Karnataka	19,13,808	3,23,478	-	3,28,275	2,92,063
Kerala	1,71,530	46,379	-	44,456	40,751
Ladakh	7,645	745		28	-
Lakshadweep	156	-	-	10	7
Madhya Pradesh	31,30,613	7,08,815	-	7,95,859	2,91,219
Maharashtra	21,86,426	3,64,878	-	2,81,997	1,94,182
Manipur	97,760	26,221	-	22,025	23,639
Meghalaya	1,03,467	10,433	-	22,628	41,787
Mizoram	24,879	2,337	-	1,523	3,950
Nagaland	40,177	5,738	-	21,977	14,697
Odisha	19,25,954	5,14,096	-	4,55,549	1,33,672
Puducherry	11,568	203	-	655	615
Punjab	8,26,611	15,256	-	17,132	48,451
Rajasthan	30,69,891	6,73,000	-	2,64,503	3,09,651
Sikkim	7,111	954	-	3,707	1,338
Tamil Nadu	21,22,977	1,00,374	-	2,14,225	2,54,811
Telangana	9,23,800	1,48,480	-	40,198	41,757
Tripura	1,92,014	33,495	-	5,827	11,599
Uttar Pradesh	64,76,981	17,93,397	-	20,00,914	7,95,230
Uttarakhand	2,15,481	51,645	-	46,778	46,795
West Bengal	30,05,534	7,94,376	-	20,96,373	14,66,521

Source: IOCL

**Annexure-II**

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State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0)

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	811	46
Andhra Pradesh	25222	95672
Arunachal Pradesh	3457	1514
Assam	511073	424243
Bihar	1613210	639296
Chandigarh	5	569
Chhattisgarh	373735	144003
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	39	14
Delhi	22638	43594
Goa	0	141
Gujarat	540537	406881
Haryana	13675	29097
Himachal Pradesh	2058	2525
Jammu and Kashmir (Incl Ladakh)	9443	7111
Jharkhand	219486	174072
Karnataka	328275	293751
Kerala	44456	40802
Lakshadweep	10	14
Madhya Pradesh	795859	292462
Maharashtra	281997	194467
Manipur	22025	23691
Meghalaya	22628	41847
Mizoram	1523	3962
Nagaland	21977	14956
Odisha	455549	137729
Puducherry	655	616
Punjab	17132	48514
Rajasthan	264503	310247
Sikkim	3707	1341
Tamil Nadu	214225	257068
Telangana	40198	41845
Tripura	5827	11673
Uttar Pradesh	2000914	798372
Uttarakhand	46778	48157
West Bengal	2096373	1469708

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