

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458
ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2023

PRANDHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJNA (PMUY)

458 SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:
SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

- (a) the number of migrant households availing the LPG connection under Prime Minister's Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme;
- (b) the number of households having refilled their LPG gas cylinders and using their LPG connections currently; and
- (c) whether Government has any justification for the low LPG consumption among PMUY beneficiaries since the introduction of the Ujjwala Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched on 01.05.2016 to release deposit free LPG connection in the name of adult woman member of poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and as on 01.01.2023, the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections has already been achieved. Under Ujjwala 2.0, a special provision has been made for migrant families who can use a self-declaration instead of Proof of Address and Ration Card to apply for a PMUY connection. A total of 5.43 lakh LPG connections have been released to migrant households under Ujjwala 2.0.

(b) As on 01.07.2023, there are about 9.59 crore PMUY beneficiaries, out of which 8.41 crore have taken at least one refill during 2022-23.

(c) 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 in terms of 14.2 kg cylinder of PMUY beneficiaries 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 year 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 to December 2020 etc.