

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 464

ANSWERED ON 24/07/2023

Use of tradition firewood for cooking

464 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the persons belonging to the poor strata are moving towards old cooking methods due to high prices of LPG (cooking gas); and
- (b) the increase in the price of LPG (cooking gas) from year 2018 till date, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): The number of refills taken by PMUY beneficiaries have increased from 15.99 crore (in equivalent to 14.2 kg) in 2018-19 to 34.48 crore (in equivalent to 14.2 kg) in 2022-23 and the average consumption per PMUY beneficiary has gone up from 3.00 refills (equivalent to 14.2 Kg) to 3.71 refills (equivalent to 14.2 Kg) during the same period.

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

The details of retail selling prices of domestic LPG at Delhi since April 2018 are given as Annexure.

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Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 464 asked by Shri Ram Nath Thakur to be answered on 24 July, 2023 regarding “Use of tradition firewood for cooking”

| Effective Date | Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG at Delhi (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder) |
|-----------------------|---|
| 01-Apr-18 | 653.50 |
| 01-Apr-19 | 706.50 |
| 01-Apr-20 | 744.00 |
| 01-Apr-21 | 809.00 |
| 01-Apr-22 | 949.50 |
| 01-Apr-23 | 1103.00 |

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

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