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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.- 76
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Consumption status under PMUY

76: Shri Sushil Kumar Modi

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

- (a) the number of Ujjwala beneficiaries and total refills consumed by them in last 3 years;
- (b) the per capita consumption of refilling under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Financial Year 2020 to 2023;
- (c) the number of Ujjawala beneficiaries who took only 1 refill, 2 refills, 3 refills and 4 refills in last two financial years;
- (d) the steps taken to encourage consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries; and
- (e) the number of LPG bottling plants and distributors increased since 2021?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2023 REGARDING ‘CONSUMPTION STATUS UNDER PMUY’

(a): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with the objective of providing access to clean cooking fuel to poor households across the country according to a defined criteria. Under PMUY, deposit free LPG connections are provided to adult women from poor households. As of 30.09.2023, 9.59 Crore PMUY connections have been released in the country. A total of 100.85 crore refills were taken by PMUY consumers in last 3 years i.e. FY 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23.

(b): Per capita consumption of PMUY Beneficiaries has increased from 3.01 Refills/annum (in terms of 14.2 Kg refill) during FY 2019-20, to 3.71 Refills/annum during FY 2022-23 & further to 3.8 refills in 2023-24 (till October 2023).

(c): The number of PMUY beneficiaries who took 1 refill, 2 refills, 3 refills and 4 refills including installation refill in last two financial years is as below:

(in lakh)

Financial Year	One refill	Two refills	Three refills	Four refills	Five & more refills
FY 2021-22	161.5	148.74	130.89	103.62	260.48
FY 2022-23	155.81	149.24	131.19	104.27	300.28

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis

(d): 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, increase in targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum since October 2023, 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. For ease of refill booking various methods have been provided viz. Interactive Voice Response System(IVRS), Short Message Service(SMS), Whatsapp, calling directly on the phone of distributor, e-commerce platforms, OMC mobile applications, OMCs web-portals etc. The effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighboring countries as on 01.12.2023 is as below:

(In Indian Rupees)

Country	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg. cyl.)#
India	603.00*
Pakistan	1059.46
Sri Lanka	1032.35
Nepal	1198.56

#Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

*Effective cost to PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi

To improve LPG usage amongst PMUY beneficiaries, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have organized LPG panchayats, social media campaigns, public events for the distribution of connections and public awareness campaigns etc. across the country.

(e): OMCs continuously expand the distribution network by commissioning new LPG distributorships. Between April 2021 and November 2023, while the number of LPG distributorships has increased from 25083 to 25437, the number of LPG bottling plants has increased from 200 to 210.
