

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.- 140**  
ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2024

**LPG CYLINDER REFILLS UNDER PM UJJWALA**

140 SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since its inception, year-wise;
- (b) the data on the average number of LPG Cylinder refills per beneficiary under PMUY to date, year-wise; and
- (c) the total number of PMUY beneficiaries who took zero refills and those who took only one refill during the years 2022-23, 2023-24, and the year-to-date?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 140 FOR REPLY ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING 'LPG CYLINDER REFILLS UNDER PM UJJWALA' BY SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH.**

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in May, 2016 with an objective to provide deposit free LPG connection to adult women from poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections under PMUY was achieved in September, 2019. PMUY Phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was subsequently launched in August 2021 to cover remaining poor households 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 had already been achieved. Further, Government approved release of additional 75 lakh connections under PMUY Scheme for the period FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 which has also been achieved in July 2024. As a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. Average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 64% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 632 /MT in November 2024) while on the other hand effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG reduced in India by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in November 2024).

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs 803 in Delhi. After a targeted subsidy of Rs 300/cylinder to PMUY consumers, Government of India is providing 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders at an effective price of Rs.503 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country. A few State Governments are providing some additional subsidy on LPG refills and bear the additional cost from their respective budgets.

Globally, PMUY is the biggest program of its kind that provides Domestic LPG to more than 100 million poor households at an effective price of just about Rs. 35/Kg. Further, the effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighbouring countries as on 01.11.2024 is as below:

(In Indian Rupees)

Country	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg. cyl.)#
India	503.00*
Pakistan	1095.41
Sri Lanka	1211.24
Nepal	1209.21

#Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

\*Effective cost to PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi, effective price is Rs. 803 for non-PMUY consumers

Further, as a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.68 (FY 2021-22) to 3.95 in FY 2023-24, and 4.34 in FY 2024-25 (upto October 2024). PMUY consumption has witnessed a growth of 24.3% during Oct 2024 vis-à-vis October 2023 (Total PMUY consumption has risen from 459TMT to 570.7 TMT during this period).

Year-wise details of the number of beneficiaries enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since its inception are at **Annexure- A**.

Year-wise data on the average number of LPG Cylinder refill per beneficiary under PMUY to date are at **Annexure- B**.

The total number of PMUY beneficiaries who took zero refills and those who took one refill during the years 2022-23, 2023-24, and the year-to-date are at **Annexure- C**.

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**Annexure- A**

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 140 to be answered on 09.12.2024 regarding "LPG Cylinder refills under PM Ujjwala" asked by Shri Digvijaya Singh.

<b>FY</b>	<b>Number of connections released (in lakh)</b>
2016-17	200.32
2017-18	155.72
2018-19	362.94
2019-20	82.65
2020-21	-
2021-22	100.00
2022-23	60.00
2023-24	74.18
2024-25 (Apr-Nov)	0.92

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis

**Annexure- B**

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 140 to be answered on 09.12.2024 regarding "LPG Cylinder refills under PM Ujjwala" asked by Shri Digvijaya Singh.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Per Capita consumption (in terms of 14.2 Kg refills/PMUY beneficiaries/Annum)</b>
2019-20	3.01
2020-21*	4.39
2021-22	3.68
2022-23	3.71
2023-24	3.95
2024-25 (prorated)	4.34

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis

\*The increase in consumption during FY 2020-21 is mainly due to provision of Free refills to PMUY Beneficiaries under PMGKY scheme, under which up to three free refills were given to PMUY Beneficiaries and beneficiaries availed 14.17 crore refills.

**Annexure- C**

Annexure referred to in part (a) to(c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 140 to be answered on 09.12.2024 regarding "LPG Cylinder refills under PM Ujjwala" asked by Shri Digvijaya Singh.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of PMUY Customers as on closing of FY (A)</b>	<b>Number of PMUY Customers out of (A), who have not taken any refill#</b>	<b>Number of PMUY Customers out of (A), who have taken only one refill*</b>
2021-22	7,99,03,131	91,74,648	1,08,13,246
2022-23	9,58,59,418	1,18,84,259	1,54,74,040
2023-24	10,32,66,007	1,40,48,192	1,66,52,314

Source:- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

\*- Including installation refills

# May include beneficiaries who have migrated, deceased beneficiaries, multiple connections holders, beneficiaries that might have moved to other cleaner fuels like PNG/electricity, beneficiaries preferring other fuels etc, without transferring/terminating/surrendering their connections.