

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 1254**  
ANSWERED ON- 10/03/2025

**AVAILABILITY OF LPG IN RURAL ODISHA**

1254 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) the percentage of households in rural areas of the State of Odisha currently covered under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to ensure 100 per cent LPG penetration in rural and remote areas of the State of Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details of such initiatives, including timelines for implementation; and
- (d) the challenges faced in expanding LPG coverage in the State?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d): 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. To cover the remaining poor households, 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 the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections was achieved during December 2022. Further, Government approved release of additional 75 lakh connections under PMUY Scheme for the period FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 which has already been achieved during July 2024. As on 01.03.2025, there are 10.33 crore LPG connections under PMUY scheme, including 55.50 lakh connections in the State of Odisha. As a result of this, LPG Coverage in the State of Odisha has improved from about 32% in May 2016 to about 87% as of March 2025.

Implementation of PMUY is monitored closely in terms of number of eligible beneficiaries identified and the actual number of connections released vis-a-vis LPG coverage in States/Districts. The difficulties faced by OMCs are mainly related to the identification of households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc. To improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 7959 Distributorships (commissioned during 01.04.2016 to 31.12.2024) across the country, out of which 7373 (i.e. 93 %) are catering to rural areas. Further, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now. To create awareness about the scheme and also to address any issue pertaining to LPG usage, OMCs regularly conduct LPG Panchayats for the customers. The Government has taken several steps to encourage better consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, which include deferment of loan recovery from subsidy amount, Swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg to reduce upfront cash outgo, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection, Conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat to convince the beneficiaries to use LPG on sustained basis, mass awareness camps etc. As a result of these efforts, the per capita consumption (in terms of 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinders) for PMUY beneficiaries has improved from 3.01 refills per year in 2019-20 to 4.43 refills per year based on consumption till January, 2025.

Since the launch of PMUY till financial year 2022-23, Government has been bearing an expenditure of up to Rs. 1,600 per PMUY connection for Security Deposit (SD) of Cylinder, Pressure Regulator, Suraksha Hose, DGCC booklet and installation charges. From financial year 2023-24, this expenditure has been increased to Rs. 2,200 per connection for 14.2 Kg Single Bottle Connection/ 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection & Rs. 1,300 per connection for 5 Kg Single Bottle Connection.

To make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers and ensure sustained usage of LPG by them, Government started a targeted subsidy of Rs.200/- per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers in May 2022. In October 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections). 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.

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