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RAJYA SABHA
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INCREASE OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER PM UJJAWALA YOJNA

2683. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:
DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether Government has increased the total number of beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Yojana from 6 crores to 10 crores;
- (b) if so, the details of Ujjwala connections provided State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken serious note that women names mentioned as beneficiaries are unaware of the fact and are not provided with Gas connection and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total number of cylinders supplied to the beneficiaries of PM Ujjwala Yojana during the last five years, year-wise?

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 also 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.

LPG connection under PMUY is released in the name of adult women of the poor households, provided no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and conditions. Households belonging to Socio Economic Caste Census

(SECC) list or from seven other categories such as Scheduled Caste(SC) Households, Scheduled Tribe(ST) Households, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin), Beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, Resident of islands/ river islands, Tea garden / ex-tea garden workers or poor households not covered under the above categories by submitting 14 point declaration are eligible for a PMUY connection. 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. As on 01.03.2025, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections under PMUY are at **Annexure- A**.

With the launch of the PMUY scheme, standard operating procedures (SOPs), input validation controls, and a robust deduplication process using parameters like Aadhaar, Bank Account, Ration Card, Abridged Household List – Transaction Identification Number (AHL TIN), and Name/Address have been implemented to ensure that only eligible households receive LPG connections. This process includes real-time checks to detect duplicate connections and is supported by the Common LPG Data Platform (CLDP). Additionally, all applicants of PMUY have to mandatorily undergo biometric Aadhaar authentication to verify their identity.

Under PMUY, women beneficiaries can register their complaints through various options. A dedicated PMUY call centre is set up to resolve any issues related to the scheme, ensuring women can easily seek assistance. Additionally, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) provide multiple platforms, including websites, mobile apps, and call centers, where women can lodge complaints or queries. For issues raised on social media, OMCs ensure that complaints are captured and transferred to their respective portals for swift resolution. In case of unresolved matters, women beneficiaries can approach Customer Service Cell officers at OMC's regional or divisional offices for in-person support. Written complaints can also be submitted to OMC offices for further action. In all established cases of irregularities in PMUY, necessary action is taken against the responsible LPG distributorships in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and the distributorship agreement.

In order to improve access to LPG across the country, various steps have been taken inter alia, including organizing campaigns for improving awareness about PMUY, organizing melas/camps to enroll and distribute connections, promotion through Out of Home (OOH) hoardings, radio jingles, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Vans etc., spreading awareness about advantages of using LPG over other conventional fuels and safe usage of LPG through LPG Panchayats, enrolment/awareness camps under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, facilitation of

consumers and their families for Aadhar enrolment and opening of bank accounts for getting PMUY connections.

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 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.

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 4.43 in FY 2024-25 (up to January 2025).

Details of number of cylinders supplied to the beneficiaries of PM Ujjwala Yojana during the last five years, year-wise are at **Annexure-B**.

Annexure- A

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2683 to be answered on 24.03.2025 regarding “Increase of beneficiaries under PM Ujjawala Yojna” by SHRI R. Girirajan and DR. Kanimozhi Nvn Somu.

**State/UT-wise details of connections released under PMUY Scheme –
As on 01.03.2025**

State/UT	Number of PMUY Customers
Andaman & Nicobar Island	13,824
Andhra Pradesh	9,73,250
Arunachal Pradesh	53,795
Assam	50,97,581
Bihar	1,16,28,783
Chandigarh	2,027
Chhatisgarh	38,01,474
Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	17,792
Delhi	2,59,674
Goa	1,955
Gujarat	43,08,665
Haryana	11,15,235
Himachal Pradesh	1,50,742
Jammu & Kashmir	12,69,741
Jharkhand	38,95,189
Karnataka	41,46,904
Kerala	3,87,787
Ladakh	11,086
Lakshadweep	370
Madhya Pradesh	88,47,087
Maharashtra	52,17,601
Manipur	2,24,926
Meghalaya	3,17,155
Mizoram	36,006
Nagaland	1,22,147
Odisha	55,49,512
Puducherry	19,383
Punjab	13,59,442
Rajasthan	73,81,514
Sikkim	19,872
Tamil Nadu	41,00,025
Telangana	11,84,203
Tripura	3,16,420
Uttar Pradesh	1,85,94,200
Uttarakhand	5,30,161
West Bengal	1,23,75,281

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on Industry basis

Annexure-B

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2683 to be answered on 24.03.2025 regarding " Increase of beneficiaries under PM Ujjawala Yojna" asked by Shri R. Girirajan and DR. Kanimozhi Nvn Somu.

Year-wise, number of refills delivered to PMUY Customers (including Installation refill)

Since FY 2018-19 is given below:

FY	Number of refills delivered (In terms of 14.2 kg Domestic LPG cylinders) (In crore)
2019-20	22.80
2020-21	35.11
2021-22	31.26
2022-23	34.48
2023-24	39.38
2024-25 (Till Feb'25)	41.95

Source: IOCL on industry basis