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LPG SUBSIDY IN BANK ACCOUNTS

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

- (a) the amount of LPG subsidy transferred to the accounts of people through PAHAL scheme since its inception, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the amount of subsidy transferred to the accounts of non-Ujjwala scheme consumers since the inception of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system; and
- (c) the number of consumers of cooking gas who have not received any subsidy in their bank accounts during the last three years?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) DBTL (PAHAL) scheme, 2014 was launched with effect from 1 January 2015 across the country. Under DBTL (PAHAL) Scheme, all domestic LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised price and applicable subsidy is transferred directly into the bank account of the consumers. To receive subsidy under DBTL scheme, the consumer has to be Cash Transfer Compliant (CTC).

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with an objective to provide access to clean cooking fuel to poor households across the country. Under PMUY, deposit free LPG connections are provided to adult women from poor households. As of 01.01.2025, there are 10.33 Crore PMUY connections across the country. All PMUY beneficiaries are automatically enrolled under DBTL (PAHAL) scheme.

India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. While the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 64% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 632 /MT in December 2024), the effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG was reduced by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in January 2025).

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. Apart from the direct subsidy to consumers, the OMCs have also been compensated Rs. 22,000 crore in FY 2022-23 by Government of India to cover the under-recoveries suffered by them in not passing on the high international LPG prices to the domestic LPG consumers. This relief was availed by all domestic LPG consumers including non-PMUY beneficiaries.

The details of subsidy on LPG given by Government since 2015-16 are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Particulars	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (P)
Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) subsidy	22011	12905	20905	31539	22726	3658	242	855	1227
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) subsidy	-	2999	2559	5670	1446	8238	1569	6110	10217
Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) subsidy	-	-	-	-	-	8162	-	-	-
One time compensation to OMCs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22000	-

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC)

Details of Cash Transfer Compliant (CTC) Beneficiaries under DBTL for the last three years are given below:

As on	No. of Cash Transfer Compliant (CTC) Beneficiaries (in lakhs)
01.04.2022	2836.77
01.04.2023	2895.73
01.04.2024	3003.93
01.04.2025	3050.05

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC)

Certain LPG consumers may not receive DBT subsidy in their bank accounts for various reasons including booking no refills, surrender of LPG subsidy under GiveItUp, bank account not linked / delinked from aadhar number, non verified bank account details, etc. In so far as PMUY consumers are concerned, during 2023-24 about 13.6% of the PMUY consumers did not take any refills and hence did not receive targeted subsidy in their bank accounts.
