

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 148**  
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**GAP IN LPG REFILL RATES AND USAGE UNDER PMUY IN KONKAN REGION**

148 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified the reasons for the persistently low LPG cylinder refill rates among Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries in the Konkan region;
- (b) the targeted interventions planned to improve refill rates and sustained LPG use among rural and coastal households in Konkan; and
- (c) whether Government would consider region-specific feasibility and logistics studies to address these gaps?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(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. As on 01.04.2025, there were 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country including 5.98 lakh connections in Konkan region. Details of district considered under Konkan region are at **Annexure-A**.

The per capita consumption (in terms of 14.2 kg refills per annum) among PMUY customers in the districts falling under the Konkan region has increased from 4.29 (In FY- 2022-23) to 4.94 (in FY- 2024-25) which is significantly higher than all-India average per capita consumption i.e. 4.47 (in FY- 2024-25) .

Details of the per capita consumption (in terms of 14.2 kg refills per annum) among PMUY customers in the districts falling under the Konkan region, along with the all-India average per capita consumption for the last three financial years are at **Annexure- B**.

LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis at national and regional level. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, tradition, flavor, taste, preferences, price, availability of alternate fuels etc.

To improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 7997 Distributorships (commissioned during 01.04.2016 to 30.06.2025) across the country, out of which 7403 (i.e. 93 %) [Rurban- 1033, Gramin- 4991, Durgam Kshetriya Vitraks and Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak (DKV+RGGLV) - 1379] are catering to rural areas. 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, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

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. 553 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to about 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country.

In addition to targeted subsidy by Government of India, some States Government are also providing additional subsidy to LPG consumers in their respective States and bearing the expenditure of the subsidies themselves.

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 4.69 in FY 2025-26 (as on 01.07.2025).

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Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 148 to be answered on 21.07.2025 regarding "Gap in LPG refill rates and usage under PMUY in Konkan region" asked by Shri Dhairyashil Mohan Patil.

**Details of district covered under Konkan region**

State/UT	District
Maharashtra	Palghar
Maharashtra	Raigad
Maharashtra	Ratnagiri
Maharashtra	Sindhudurg
Maharashtra	Thane
Maharashtra	Mumbai Suburban
Maharashtra	Mumbai City
Karnataka	Uttara Kannada
Karnataka	Udupi
Karnataka	Dakshina Kannada
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	Daman
Goa	North Goa
Goa	South Goa

Source: IOCL on industry basis

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<b>FY</b>	<b>Per Capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries in the Konkan Region</b>	<b>All India Per capita consumption among PMUY Beneficiaries</b>
FY 2022-23	4.29	3.71
FY 2023-24	4.42	3.95
FY 2024-25	4.94	4.47

Source: IOCL on industry basis