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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 2543
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PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA IN TAMIL NADU

2543 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) number of beneficiaries provided LPG connections under PMUY in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, as of latest available data;
- (b) number of households in Tamil Nadu identified as eligible under the scheme and the timeline set for providing LPG connections to all eligible beneficiaries;
- (c) challenges faced in the implementation of PMUY in Tamil Nadu, including issues related to the distribution of LPG cylinders, the identification of beneficiaries, and infrastructure development; and
- (d) steps being taken to ensure faster coverage of all eligible households under PMUY in Tamil Nadu, and any additional measures to enhance awareness and accessibility of scheme?

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 woman from poor households across the country. As on 01.07.2025, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country including 40.98 lakh connections in state of Tamil Nadu. District-wise details of PMUY connections in Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure- A.**

Further, as on 01.07.2025, there are 0.41 lakh pending applications under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Tamil Nadu. LPG access in Tamil Nadu has reached near saturation. Government remains committed to ensure universal access to clean cooking fuels in the country. LPG connections under PMUY are released to eligible households from time to time in accordance with scheme guidelines.

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. Despite the initial difficulties faced by OMCs which were mainly related to the identification of households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

Government has taken several steps to encourage adoption of LPG under PMUY, 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, 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 4.47 in FY 2024-25.

To create awareness and enhance LPG usage, various steps have been taken inter alia, including organizing campaigns, 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 Aadhaar enrolment and opening of bank accounts for getting PMUY connections.

Further, to make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers, Government is providing a targeted subsidy of Rs. 300 per 14.2 kg cylinders. LPG consumption by PMUY households in the Tamil Nadu has increased from 217.52 thousand metric tonnes (TMT) (FY 2022-23) to 279.9 TMT (FY 2024-25). Also, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu has increased from 4.28 (FY 2022-23) to 4.81 (FY 2024-25).

OMCs have also improved the distribution infrastructure for domestic LPG immensely. As of July 01, 2025, there are a total of 25,573 LPG distributorships across the country, out of which 17,646 are serving rural areas. These are served through 213 LPG bottling plant of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) located across the country. Out of 7997 distributorships commissioned during 01.04.2016 to 30.06.2025 across the country, 7403 (i.e. 93 %) are catering to rural areas. Details of, total number of domestic LPG connections, number of bottling plants and number of LPG distributorship in Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure-B**.

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2543 to be answered on 11.08.2025 regarding “Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Tamil Nadu” asked by Shri R. Dharmar:

**District-wise details of connections under PMUY Scheme in Tamil Nadu –
As on 01.07.2025**

District	Number of PMUY Connections
Ariyalur	72,184
Chengalpattu	1,22,872
Chennai	32,730
Coimbatore	46,793
Cuddalore	2,54,010
Dharmapuri	1,13,164
Dindigul	1,48,070
Erode	1,16,599
Kallakurichi	92,640
Kancheepuram	67,988
Kanniyakumari	88,714
Karur	54,129
Krishnagiri	1,21,558
Madurai	1,60,043
Mayiladuthurai	67,675
Nagapattinam	49,595
Namakkal	1,27,689
Perambalur	44,611
Pudukkottai	1,73,264
Ramanathapuram	1,49,922
Ranipet	99,870
Salem	2,02,207
Sivaganga	89,670
Tenkasi	86,469
Thanjavur	1,38,037
The Nilgiris	18,331
Theni	67,449
Thiruvallur	1,20,331
Thiruvarur	1,14,755
Thoothukkudi	1,02,088
Tiruchirappalli	1,51,817
Tirunelveli	72,404
Tirupathur	75,070
Tiruppur	54,946
Tiruvannamalai	2,15,330
Vellore	1,22,433
Viluppuram	1,42,873
Virudhunagar	1,19,895

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs

Annexure-B

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Detail for Tamil Nadu- as on 01.07.2025

1	Number of Domestic LPG Connections	238.35 lakh
2	Number of PMUY Connections	40.98 lakh
3	Number of Bottling plant	19
4	Number of distributorship	1652

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs