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COVERAGE AND REFILL TRENDS UNDER THE UJJWALA YOJANA

937 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

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

- (a) details of the total number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the State of Maharashtra district-wise, including Raigarh district;
- (b) the refill rates of connections over the last three years and whether they meet the prescribed usage standards;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made of the reasons for the frequent low refill in rural areas;
- (d) the steps taken to make LPG refills more accessible to BPL families; and
- (e) the number of new LPG distributors added in tribal and backward districts to enhance last-mile reach?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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(a): 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 01.11.2025, there were about 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country.

The district-wise details of number of PMUY connections in state of Maharashtra including Raigad are at **Annexure-A**.

Government has further approved the release of 25 lakh additional LPG connections under PMUY during the Financial Year 2025-26.

(b) & (c): LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored regularly through Petroleum Production and Analysis Cell (PPAC's) Consumption reports, Common LPG Database Platform (CLDP) and meetings with OMCs. 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.

The year-wise details of Per Connection Consumption of PMUY consumers for last 3 years as below:

Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 Prorated based on consumption during Apr-Oct'25
Per Connection consumption of PMUY consumers (in terms of 14.2 Kg refills/customer/Annum)	3.71	3.95	4.47	4.86

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs

(d): In order to create awareness about the scheme, encourage sustained usage and address the issue of low refill consumption among PMUY beneficiaries, 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. Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, 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.

Further, to make LPG more affordable and encourage sustained usage among PMUY consumers, the Government started a targeted subsidy of ₹200 per 14.2 kg cylinder (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 kg connections) in May 2022. This was increased to ₹300 per cylinder in October 2023. For FY 2025-26, Government is providing targeted subsidy of Rs.300/- per 14.2 kg cylinder for upto 9 refills of 14.2 Kg cylinder (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers.

As a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per connection 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 to 4.47 in FY 2024-25.

(e): In order to improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 8,017 distributorships, during 01.04.2016 to 31.10.2025 across the country, out of which 7,420 (i.e. 93%) are catering to rural areas. As of 01.11.2025, there are a total of 25,587 LPG distributorships across the country. These are served through 214 LPG bottling plant of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) located across the country. As a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

Annexure referred to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 937 to be answered on 08.12.2025 regarding “Coverage and refill trends under the Ujjwala Yojana”.

District-wise number of connections under PMUY Scheme in Maharashtra – As on 01.11.2025

District	Number of Connections
Ahilyanagar	3,17,036
Akola	1,36,550
Amravati	1,69,243
ChhatrapatiSambhajnagar	1,70,411
Bhandara	98,440
Beed	2,41,616
Buldhana	2,01,329
Chandrapur	1,35,741
Dhule	1,47,321
Gadchiroli	1,33,467
Gondia	1,20,621
Hingoli	75,927
Jalgaon	2,69,130
Jalna	1,06,884
Kolhapur	2,31,043
Latur	1,38,925
Mumbai	175
Mumbai Suburban	1,936
Nagpur	1,19,745
Nanded	2,77,457
Nandurbar	1,56,576
Nashik	2,42,824
Dharashiv	1,02,969
Palghar	1,22,354
Parbhani	1,38,356
Pune	1,53,920
Raigad	69,834
Ratnagiri	94,571
Sangli	1,22,899
Satara	1,37,261
Sindhudurg	64,028
Solapur	1,68,485
Thane	53,247
Wardha	60,398
Washim	1,07,867
Yavatmal	3,23,785

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs