

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1728
ANSWERED ON - 03/08/2026

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA IN TAMIL NADU

1728 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) current status of implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) across the country, State/UT-wise, including the number of connections released, active beneficiaries and proportion of regular refill usage, with special reference to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred towards subsidy support for LPG cylinders under the scheme during last three financial years;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the extent of discontinuation, low refill frequency or inactive connections among beneficiaries and if so, findings thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure affordability and uninterrupted availability of LPG refills for economically weaker sections, particularly in rural and remote areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(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 01.07.2026, there were about 10.58 crore PMUY connections across the Country, including 42.03 lakh connections in the state of Tamil Nadu. State/UT-wise details of number of connections are given at **Annexure – A**.

84.4% PMUY beneficiaries took at least one refill in FY 2025-26. Further, 88.6% of PMUY beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu took at least one refill during the same period.

(b): The details of funds allocation and utilization under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the last three financial years are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Scheme	Financial Year	Total Allocation (Revised Estimates)	Actual Expenditure*
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)	2023-24	8500.00	8500.00
	2024-25	12700.00	12700.00
	2025-26	12736.00	12000.00

*Figures include expenditure on Targeted Subsidy to PMUY Beneficiaries

(c): LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored regularly through Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) Consumption reports, Common LPG Database Platform (CLDP) reviews. 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.

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 in FY 2021-22 to 4.71 in FY 2025-26.

(d): India imports majority of its LPG requirement & LPG prices in the country are based on Saudi CP. The average Saudi CP (the international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose upto US\$ 780/MT in April and May 2026. In June 2026, as the Saudi CP rose further to US\$ 796/MT (excluding premium), the Market Determined Price (MDP) of a 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder went upto Rs. 1,695 per 14.2 Kg cylinder.

The Retail Selling Price of domestic LPG is being maintained at Rs. 942 per 14.2 Kg cylinder, carrying an implicit subsidy (under-recovery) of more than Rs 700 per 14.2 Kg cylinder, in June 2026. Even for the month of July 2026, the implicit subsidy on each 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is more than Rs 500 per cylinder. For more than 10.5 crore PMUY consumers, the effective price is only Rs. 642 per cylinder (Delhi), after a targeted subsidy of Rs. 300 per cylinder, in addition to the implicit subsidy of more than Rs 500 per cylinder.

Government have been ensuring availability of domestic LPG at affordable prices to households in the country for which Government have paid to the OMCs a compensation of Rs. 22,000 crore in FY 2022-23 and paying Rs. 30,000 crore during FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27. Even after the payment of this compensation, accumulated under-recoveries of the PSU OMCs on domestic LPG were more than Rs 51000 crores as of 30th June 2026 itself.

To further improve availability through last-mile delivery in remote & rural habitations, several measures have been taken, including commissioning of rural and remote-area distributorships, appointment of Common Service Center - Village Level Entrepreneur (CSC VLEs), availability of various electronic options for booking and tracking.

As on 01.07.2026, there are a total of 25,611 LPG distributorships operating across the country, out of which 17,685 distributorships are serving rural areas. Also, there are a total of 1858 number of LPG distributorships in the state of Tamil Nadu, out of which 1091 distributorships are serving in rural and remote areas.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1728 to be answered on 03.08.2026 regarding “Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Tamil Nadu” asked by Shri R. Dharmar:

State/UT-wise number of PMUY Connections released – As on 01.07.2026

State/UT	Number of PMUY Connections
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	14,028
Andhra Pradesh	11,37,204
Arunachal Pradesh	55,139
Assam	52,52,217
Bihar	1,20,65,734
Chandigarh	2,036
Chhattisgarh	39,75,045
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	18,921
Delhi	2,89,158
Goa	2,047
Gujarat	44,01,693
Haryana	12,09,489
Himachal Pradesh	1,52,344
Jammu and Kashmir	12,80,306
Jharkhand	39,82,115
Karnataka	42,37,286
Kerala	3,91,233
Ladakh	11,080
Lakshadweep	370
Madhya Pradesh	90,43,136
Maharashtra	52,66,914
Manipur	2,29,137
Meghalaya	3,22,844
Mizoram	38,428
Nagaland	1,32,275
Odisha	56,52,334
Puducherry	20,469
Punjab	13,61,463
Rajasthan	75,17,021
Sikkim	20,094
Tamil Nadu	42,02,636
Telangana	12,35,352
Tripura	3,33,612
Uttar Pradesh	1,89,78,084
Uttarakhand	5,31,282
West Bengal	1,23,72,334

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs