

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 441
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th DECEMBER 2017**

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

441. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI GANESH SINGH:
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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) along with targets fixed/achieved and the number of free gas connections provided to women under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated/utilised thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enlarge/enhance the coverage target and incentivise the better performing districts under PMUY and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government has created infrastructure/launched any portal to bring transparency in the distribution of gas under PMUY and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of complaints regarding distribution/delay in providing gas connection to BPL families under PMUY received by the Government till date along with the remedial action taken/being taken in this regard, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b) With a view to provide LPG connections to five crore poor households, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) was launched by the Government during the Financial Year 2016-17. The salient features of the PMUY Scheme are as under :-

- (i) LPG connection is released in the name of an adult woman of the BPL family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household.

(ii) Eligible families are identified through the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC)-2011-database provided by Ministry of Rural Development.

(iii) Under PMUY cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing new LPG connection.

(iv) The beneficiary bears the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. The beneficiary has option to take Hot Plate or the first refill or both on loan basis, from Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) at zero interest rate and the same is recovered through subsidy received by the beneficiary as and when refill is purchased.

Year-wise details of targets fixed, achieved, fund allocated and fund utilised are as under :-

Financial Year	Target fixed (in crore)	Connections released (in crore)	Budget Estimates (Rs. in crore)	Fund utilised (Rs. in crore)
2016-17	1.5	2.00	2500	2500
2017-18	1.5	1.19 (as on 13.12.2017)	2500	2251

States/UTs-wise LPG connections released under PMUY as on 13.12.2017 is at **Annexure**. OMCs are releasing new LPG connections under PMUY in all the districts of 36 States/Union Territories including the State of Bihar, and as a result, the national LPG coverage which was 61.9 % as on 01.04.2016, has increased to 78.7 % as on 01.12.2017.

(c) With a view to strengthen LPG distribution infrastructure especially in rural areas, OMCs have recently advertised 6149 locations for setting up of LPG distributorship across the country and the Government has also approved setting up of 115 Durgam Kshetriya Vitraaks (DKVs) through different State Governments/Organisations. OMCs have launched a website namely www.pmujiwalayojana.com specially designated for PMUY Scheme, through which the consumers can know about the Scheme, download form, know-how to apply for the connection, etc. A dedicated toll-free number 18002666696 has been set up to take enquiries, complaints and suggestions related to PMUY. Customers can also register their grievances online by visiting websites of OMCs, Public Grievance Portal of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Social Media platforms, Facebook, Tweeter, MoPNG e-Seva of the Ministry.

(d) OMC officials carry out inspections of LPG distributors to check operations of the distributorship in line with LPG guidelines. Action appropriate is taken by OMCs as per the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreement.

State/UT-wise LPG connections released under PMUY as on 13.12.2017		
S.No	State/UTs	Connections released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1,697
2	Andhra Pradesh	79,716
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,856
4	Assam	5,19,561
5	Bihar	44,45,516
6	Chandigarh	-
7	Chhattisgarh	17,19,431
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	11,437
9	Daman and Diu	201
10	Delhi	519
11	Goa	978
12	Gujarat	12,29,356
13	Haryana	3,43,276
14	Himachal Pradesh	22,584
15	Jammu and Kashmir	3,57,228
16	Jharkhand	9,83,682
17	Karnataka	7,71,977
18	Kerala	27,495
19	Lakshadweep	106
20	Madhya Pradesh	29,97,329
21	Maharashtra	16,73,952
22	Manipur	19,137
23	Meghalaya	20,015
24	Mizoram	577
25	Nagaland	6,663
26	Odisha	18,30,896
27	Puducherry	2,074
28	Punjab	3,61,780
29	Rajasthan	

		24,35,792
30	Sikkim	531
31	Tamil Nadu	8,39,684
32	Telangana	41
33	Tripura	23,591
34	Uttar Pradesh	63,19,959
35	Uttarakhand	1,32,554
36	West Bengal	47,86,267
	Total	319,69,458