

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2673**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**LPG COVERAGE IN RURAL AREAS**

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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the penetration and reach of LPG in rural areas is unfavourable and if so, the details thereof along with the number of LPG connections and distributors in position in rural areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the average consumption and coverage of LPG on household basis in rural areas as compared to urban agglomerations along with the steps being taken by the Government to cover more households and provide door-to-door delivery of LPG cylinders in rural areas, State/UT-wise and the achievements thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any decline in the usage of solid fuels in rural areas during the last three years and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the funds made available and utilised on subsidies for providing clean cooking fuel to rural population during the above period, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The LPG coverage in the country including in rural areas is increasing continuously. As on 01.02.2018, out of 21.98 crore LPG customers, there are approximately 10.16 crore in the rural areas, which are catered by 11815 distributors. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Average domestic consumption of LPG in the Financial Year 2016-17 in rural area was 6.4 cylinders (14.2 Kg.), whereas, average consumption in urban areas was 7.9 cylinders (14.2 kg).

In order to provide clean cooking fuel to every poor households especially in rural areas, the Government had launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" on 01.05.2016 to provide deposit-free LPG connections to 5 crore women belonging to

the Below Poverty Line (BPL) which has now been enhanced to 8 crore. Identification of prospective beneficiaries under PMUY has been expanded by including other categories in addition to SECC list. As on 07.03.2018, OMCs have released more than 3.45 crore LPG connections under the Schemes. State-UT-wise details are at Annexure-II.

To increase door-to-door delivery, all erstwhile RGGLV distributorships with monthly refill sale of more than 1500 are being re-categorised as 'Gramin Vitrak' with mandatory home delivery facility. Under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorship, OMCs have advertised 6147 locations across the country which are mostly in rural areas and Gramin Vitraks are required to make home delivery. Use of LPG is linked to reduced dependency on solid fuels for cooking purpose.

(d) The total subsidy/under recovery on domestic LPG during 2017-18 (upto December 2017) is Rs.14,172 crore.

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<b>State/UT-wise details of LPG distributors as on 01.02.2018</b>			
			(FIG IN Nos)
<b>STATE/UT</b>	<b>URBAN</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
CHANDIGARH	27	0	27
DELHI	321	0	321
HARYANA	257	267	524
HIMACHAL PRADESH	69	99	168
JAMMU & KASHMIR	129	124	253
PUNJAB	335	462	797
RAJASTHAN	420	660	1080
UTTAR PRADESH	990	2194	3184
UTTARAKHAND	109	153	262
<b>SUB TOTAL NORTH</b>	<b>2657</b>	<b>3959</b>	<b>6616</b>
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	5	5
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5	61	66
ASSAM	130	334	464
BIHAR	238	860	1098
JHARKHAND	162	239	401
MANIPUR	15	69	84
MEGHALAYA	22	29	51
MIZORAM	11	43	54
NAGALAND	15	46	61
ODISHA	171	465	636
SIKKIM	9	7	16
TRIPURA	17	46	63
WEST BENGAL	400	662	1062
<b>SUB TOTAL EAST</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>2866</b>	<b>4061</b>
CHATTISGARH	103	324	427
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	2	0	2
DAMAN & DIU	3	0	3
GOA	44	8	52
GUJARAT	417	353	770
MADHYA PRADESH	464	789	1253
MAHARASHTRA	984	811	1795
<b>SUB TOTAL WEST</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2285</b>	<b>4302</b>
ANDHRA PRADESH	315	599	914
KARNATAKA	519	516	1035
KERALA	226	379	605
LAKSHADWEEP	1	0	1
PUDUCHERRY (INCLUDING MAHE)	15	12	27
TAMILNADU	559	766	1325
TELANGANA	274	433	707
<b>SUB TOTAL SOUTH</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>4614</b>
<b>ALL INDIA</b>	<b>7778</b>	<b>11815</b>	<b>19593</b>

State/UT-wise details of PMUY connections released on 07.03.2018		
S.No	State/UT	Connections released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1,698
2	Andhra Pradesh	79,978
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5,700
4	Assam	9,78,789
5	Bihar	47,78,869
6	Chhattisgarh	19,01,370
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	11,437
8	Daman and Diu	202
9	Delhi	519
10	Goa	983
11	Gujarat	12,60,742
12	Haryana	3,53,883
13	Himachal Pradesh	27,822
14	Jammu and Kashmir	3,68,176
15	Jharkhand	11,18,855
16	Karnataka	8,79,895
17	Kerala	36,152
18	Lakshadweep	130
19	Madhya Pradesh	32,10,848
20	Maharashtra	18,15,435
21	Manipur	29,256
22	Meghalaya	31,032
23	Mizoram	824
24	Nagaland	8,498
25	Odisha	21,45,685
26	Puducherry	2,426
27	Punjab	3,76,829
28	Rajasthan	25,66,117
29	Sikkim	688
30	Tamil Nadu	9,67,884
31	Telangana	41
32	Tripura	39,513
33	Uttar Pradesh	64,30,583
34	Uttarakhand	1,36,300
35	West Bengal	49,61,984
	<b>Total</b>	<b>345,29,143</b>