

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2730
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th March, 2018

LPG PANCHAYAT

2730. SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has organised LPG Panchayat in Delhi recently and if so, the details thereof along with the number of women participants participated in the event;
- (b) the aims and objectives of organising such LPG Panchayat;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to conduct such type of Panchayats in different parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made/put in place any mechanism to provide the benefit of Ujjwala Yojana to genuine persons and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has expanded/proposes to expand the scope of Ujjwala scheme and if so, the details thereof and the number of poor women who have been benefitted under Ujjwala Yojana so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for strengthening women's empowerment through Ujjwala Yojana?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat(PMLP) was organised in Rashtrapati Bhawan on 13th February, 2018 and more than 100 women beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) participated in the event.

(b) & (c) PMLP is an interactive communication platform for rural LPG users on various subjects like safe usage of LPG, its benefit to environment, women empowerment and women health. The forum is also a platform to motivate the consumers to use LPG as a clean cooking fuel on a sustained basis. PMLP covers all States/UTs.

(d) Under PMUY, the households belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011, are eligible to get a connection, subject to the condition that no LPG connection already exists in the name of any family member of the household and after carrying out de-duplication process.

(e) Under PMUY, the Government has enhanced the target to release LPG connections from 5 crore to 8 crore with additional budgetary provision of Rs. 4,800 crore over and above the existing provision of 8000 crore. The list of prospective beneficiaries under PMUY has been expanded recently. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY as on 07.03.2018 are at Annexure.

(f) Connection is released in the name of adult woman of a BPL family. LPG subsidy under PAHAL Scheme is transferred directly into the bank account of PMUY women beneficiaries.

**State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY as
on 07.03.2018**

S.No	State	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
	Total	345,29,143