

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2018

LPG Subsidy

1120. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
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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 Government possesses the details of the domestic subsidised LPG connections surrendered in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of surrendered LPG connections, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to revise, rationalise or withdraw the subsidy rates of domestic LPG consumers/ connections in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with number of times prices of LPG were hiked during the last three years and the measures to provide LPG at a reasonable price to the consumers;
- (d) whether the Government has noticed that the absence of guaranteeing a free second refill under PMUY has created much financial burden on the poor beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken to provide free of cost LPG to poor in the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to supply gas cylinders at doorsteps of rural consumers/ gas connections to all families and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage increase in the number of LPG consumers in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding difficulties being faced by domestic LPG consumers due to hike in the price of natural gas and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) As on 12.12.2018, more than 1.03 crore LPG consumers have voluntarily surrendered their LPG subsidy under 'GiveltUp' campaign. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

(b), (c) & (f) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. The Government continues to modulate the effective price of Domestic LPG supplied to consumers. Details of Retail Selling Price(RSP) of 14.2 kg LPG cylinder at Delhi during the year 2014-18 are as under –

Year	Subsidised RSP at Delhi
2015-16	₹ 417.82 - ₹ 419.33
2016-17	₹ 419.13 - ₹ 434.93
2017-18	₹ 440.90 - ₹ 495.69

Domestic LPG prices are revised every month in line with international price of LPG with corresponding revision in monthly LPG subsidy under PAHAL Scheme. Entire subsidy burden is borne by the Government.

(d) PMUY beneficiaries are entitled to get subsidy under PAHAL Scheme. Applicable subsidy is transferred directly to the bank account of beneficiary upon purchase of refill at non-subsidised price. OMCs have reported that PMUY beneficiaries have purchased 22,91,66,657 refills as of 30.11.2018. Details of average subsidy per cylinder on domestic LPG during the year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (up to 1st half) are as under –

Particulars	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (up to 1 st half)
Average Subsidy (₹ per cylinder)	₹ 108.78	₹ 173.41	₹ 219.12

(e) OMCs have reported that all distributors, except Durgam Kshetriya Vitraks, are under instructions to make home delivery of LPG cylinders in their authorised area of operation including rural areas. Further, with a view to strengthen the LPG distribution infrastructure and distributorship/cylinders at doorsteps, OMCs have recently advertised more than 6400 locations across the country, which are mostly in rural areas.

Year	2016	2017	2018	As on 01.12.2018
LPG coverage as on 1 st April	61.9 %	72.8 %	80.9 %	89.5 %

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1120 for 17.12.2018 regarding 'LPG Subsidy' asked by Shrimati Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh and others

State/UT	Opted out
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2,851
Andhra pradesh	2,36,595
Arunachal Pradesh	23,272
Assam	1,87,633
Bihar	4,19,675
Chandigarh	20,083
Chhattisgarh	1,35,824
Daman and Diu	3,228
Delhi	8,25,304
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	7,483
Goa	43,112
Gujarat	4,52,899
Himachal Pradesh	70,392
Haryana	3,42,772
Jharkhand	97,865
Jammu and Kashmir	1,50,872
Kerala	3,06,319
Karnataka	7,44,409
Lakshadweep	143
Manipur	47,098
Meghalaya	7,660
Maharashtra	16,71,612
Mizoram	43,985
Madhya Pradesh	4,42,848
Nagaland	31,569
Odisha	1,58,417
Puducherry	16,738
Punjab	4,17,166
Rajasthan	6,41,560
Sikkim	7,793
Telangana	3,86,040
Tamil Nadu	6,58,583
Tripura	18,753
Uttar Pradesh	12,64,139
Uttarakhand	1,47,561
West Bengal	3,48,701
Total	103,80,954