

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st DECEMBER, 2018**

LPG Connections under PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the names of the districts covered in the country under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) along with new LPG connections issued in each month under PMUY and the time by which this facility would be provided in the remaining districts, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of people who have not been covered under PMUY and the steps taken by the Government to cover these people under the said scheme in a time bound manner;
- (c) the number of complaints received regarding charging excess amount by gas distributors than the stipulated amount in lieu of connection provided under PMUY along with the steps taken by the Government to resolve the said complaints, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether problems have been reported/noticed by the Government in implementation of PMUY in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the natures of such difficulties faced by the Government and action taken to remove these hurdles in a time bound manner, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of LPG dealerships and set up more LPG plants in view of increasing consumers and also proposes to lay emphasis on the use of any other alternative fuel and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is currently under implementation across the country. As on 26.12.2018, more than 5.89 crore connections have been released under PMUY. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) As on 26.12.2018, OMCs have released more than 5.89 crore LPG connections under PMUY consumers. Earlier, the beneficiaries under PMUY were identified either from SECC list or from seven other identified categories. Now, the Government has decided to extend the benefit to all left out poor families under PMUY subject to fulfilment of terms & conditions.

(c) OMCs have reported very minuscule number of cases of established irregularities in providing gas connections to BPL households under PMUY since launch of the Scheme. OMCs have taken punitive action as per the extant Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and the Distributorship Agreement against LPG distributors in all the established cases of irregularities.

(d) Implementation of PMUY is monitored closely in terms of number of beneficiaries identified and the actual number of connections released vis-a-vis LPG coverage in States/Districts. The difficulties faced by OMCs mainly relate to identification of households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc. The Government has taken up the matter with concerned State Governments. Further, OMCs have launched awareness programme through print and electronic media highlighting the benefit of usage of LPG.

(e) As on 01.12.2018, there are 22,328 LPG distributors in the country. Further, with a view to strengthen the LPG distribution infrastructure, OMCs had advertised more than 6400 locations across the country, which are mostly in rural areas.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3185 to be answered on 31.12.2018 by Shri Rodmal Nagar and others regarding 'LPG Connections under PMUY'

State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY as on 26.12.2018.

S.No	State/UT	Connections released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7,241
2	Andhra Pradesh	1,90,827
3	Arunachal Pradesh	36,721
4	Assam	23,72,492
5	Bihar	70,12,974
6	Chandigarh	46
7	Chhattisgarh	26,56,264
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	13,065
9	Daman and Diu	411
10	Delhi	63,488
11	Goa	1,053
12	Gujarat	19,01,141
13	Haryana	6,11,954
14	Himachal Pradesh	89,460
15	Jammu and Kashmir	8,27,348
16	Jharkhand	25,75,224
17	Karnataka	18,28,061
18	Kerala	1,55,021
19	Lakshadweep	286
20	Madhya Pradesh	52,60,923

21	Maharashtra	34,62,409
22	Manipur	1,03,021
23	Meghalaya	1,33,366
24	Mizoram	25,071
25	Nagaland	46,243
26	Odisha	35,39,313
27	Puducherry	12,831
28	Punjab	11,40,510
29	Rajasthan	43,45,613
30	Sikkim	5,270
31	Tamil Nadu	27,88,988
32	Telangana	5,16,669
33	Tripura	1,90,610
34	Uttar Pradesh	99,06,117
35	Uttarakhand	2,68,480
36	West Bengal	68,21,015
	Total	589,09,526