

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 88
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY, 2019
PMUY

88. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME GOWDA:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to enlarge/enhance the coverage target and incentivize the better performing districts under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the main features of PMUY along with targets fixed/achieved and the number of free gas connections provided to women under the said scheme since its inception along with the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose, State/UT-wise;

(c) 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 thereon, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the implementation of the PMUY across the country?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched by the Government on 1st May 2016. The initial target under PMUY was 5 crore LPG connections, which was subsequently enhanced to 8 crore. As on 28.01.2019, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 6.23 crore LPG connections under the Scheme across the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The main features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) Scheme are as under :-

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

(ii) Under PMUY cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing deposit free LPG connection.

(iii) The beneficiary bears the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. The beneficiary has an option to take the Hot Plate or the first refill or both on loan basis, from Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at zero interest rate.

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

Financial Year	Target	Connections released	Budget Estimates (₹ in crore)	Fund utilised (₹ in crore)
2016-17	2 crore	2 crore	2500	2500
2017-18	2 crore	1.56 crore	2251	2251
2018-19	2 crore	2.67 crore (up to 28.01.2019)	3200	3200
2019-20	2 crore			

(c) & (d) As per report of OMCs the number of cases of established irregularities in providing gas connections to poor households under PMUY is few. OMCs take punitive action as per the extant Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the Distributorship Agreement against LPG distributors in established cases of irregularities.