

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th DECEMBER, 2022

LPG Consumption

1430. SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of LPG consumption during each of the last three years along with domestic LPG prices, month-wise;
- (b) the details of LPG connections provided to BPL households in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of average consumption of LPG per household in rural areas of the country;
- (d) the challenges faced by the Government while giving LPG connection in rural and remote areas of the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open LPG agencies in rural areas to ease the availability of LPG in rural and tribal areas of the country and if so, the details of LPG agencies opened in rural areas of Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) whether the Government has received a number of complaints of irregularities in providing LPG connections and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) During 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, domestic LPG consumption was 23.08 MMT, 25.13 MMT and 25.50 MMT respectively. Details of domestic LPG prices at Delhi market from April 2020 to 1st December 2022 are at Annexure.
- (b) In Tamil Nadu, 1.00 Lakh, NIL (scheme was not in operation) and 2.14 Lakh PMUY connections were provided during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively.
- (c) OMCs have reported that there is no separate flagging of rural and urban customers in their software. However, majority of LPG connections under PMUY have been released in rural areas and average LPG consumption per household of PMUY beneficiaries was 3.68 refills of 14.2 kg during 2021-22.

(d) Implementation of PMUY is monitored closely in terms of number of eligible beneficiaries identified and the actual number of connections released vis-a-vis LPG coverage in States/Districts. The difficulties faced by OMCs are mainly related to the identification of households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc. OMCs and Government have been running LPG Panchayats and mass awareness programmes through print, electronic and social media highlighting the benefits of sustained usage of LPG.

(e) OMCs continuously expand the distribution network by commissioning new LPG distributorships. More than 11700 LPG distributorships have been commissioned since 01.04.2014 till 01.11.2022 and more than 90 % of these are catering to rural areas.

OMCs have also joined hands with Common Service Centres (CSCs) to improve access to various LPG services like booking refills and refill delivery in rural and far-flung areas and as of 01.11.2022, agreements with more than 63090 CSCs have been done.

Under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG distributorships, OMCs have advertised 308 locations for setting up of new LPG distributorships and out of this, OMCs have commissioned 271 distributorships as on 01.11.2022 in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(f) Oil Marketing Companies have reported that they have received 160 established cases of irregularities in providing new LPG connections during last three years. In all these cases, action has been taken as per provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines/distributorship agreement.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Unstarred Parliament Question No. 1430 to be answered on 15.12.2022 asked by Shri Selvam G. and others regarding “LPG Consumption”.

Month	Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG refill of 14.2 Kg
01-May-20	581.50
01-Jun-20	593.00
01-Jul-20	594.00
01-Aug-20	594.00
01-Sep-20	594.00
01-Oct-20	594.00
01-Nov-20	594.00
01-Dec-20	594.00
02-Dec-20	644.00
15-Dec-20	694.00
01-Jan-21	694.00
01-02-2021	694.00
04-02-2021	719.00
15-02-2021	769.00
25-02-2021	794.00
01-Mar-21	819.00
01-Apr-21	809.00
01-May-21	809.00
01-Jun-21	809.00
01-Jul-21	834.50
01-Aug-21	834.50
17-Aug-21	859.50
01-Sep-21	884.50
01-Oct-21	884.50
06-Oct-21	899.50
01-Nov-21	899.50
01-Dec-21	899.50
1-Jan-2022	899.50
1-Feb-2022	899.50
1-Mar-2022	899.50
21-Mar-2022	949.50
01-Apr-2022	949.50
1-May-2022	949.50
7-May-2022	999.50
19-May-2022	1003.00
1-Jun-2022	
1-Jul-2022	
6-Jul-2022	1053.00
1-Aug-2022	
1-Sep-2022	
1-Oct-2022	
1-Nov-2022	
1-Dec-2022	

Source : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies