

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th DECEMBER, 2022

LPG for Slum Dwellers

1435. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that accessing LPG cylinders is time consuming and expensive for slum dwellers and if so, the steps taken by the Government to combat the same, such as facilitating doorstep delivery of cylinders to urban slum dwellers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote the adoption of LPG in urban slums by integrating it with existing Central schemes such as social assistance programmes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) to expand its reach and decrease air pollution;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government 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
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(a) to (e) LPG is a clean cooking fuel. Use of LPG as cooking fuel frees women from the drudgery of collecting firewood, saves time spent on cooking and prevents deforestation.

To ensure better access of LPG, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in 2016 to provide deposit free LPG connections to women members of poor households. The target to provide 8 crore LPG connections under the Scheme was achieved in September, 2019, 7 months ahead of target date of completion of March, 2020.

Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY) all poor households including eligible Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) beneficiaries, can take LPG connections subject to fulfilling overall eligibility criteria.

PMUY phase-2, also known as Ujjwala 2.0, was launched in August, 2021 and Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have released 1.57 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections as on 01.12.2022. Under Ujjwala 2.0, all beneficiaries are provided free first refill and stove as well in addition to deposit free LPG connections. Further, special provision has been made for migrant families where they can avail new connections using a self-declaration as a proof of address and family declaration.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that all distributors, except DurgamKshetriyaVitraks, are under instructions to make home delivery of LPG cylinders in their area of operation, including slums, without any additional charges. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, availability of alternate fuels etc.
