

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27 JULY, 2023

Subsidy on Cooking Gas

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether cooking gas subsidy, particularly for BPL has been abolished in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any subsidy similar to the earlier one; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d): No Sir. Government modulates the effective price to consumer for Domestic LPG. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, the subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. Further, Government has started a subsidy scheme exclusively for poor households. W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government is giving a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

During the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in international prices was not fully passed on to Indian citizens, due to which the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered under recoveries of approximately Rs.28000 crore on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate this, the Government approved a one-time compensation of Rs.22,000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23. During Covid Pandemic, Government provided about 14.17 Crore free LPG refills to PMUY households under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package during 2020.