

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1177**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023**

**CLEAN COOKING FUEL UNDER PMUY**

1177. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:  
MS. CHANDRANI MURMU:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite a nationwide push for clean cooking fuel under PM-Ujjawala Yojana, the desired target has not been achieved so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not achieving the target and the percentage of the missed target; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard particularly in the State of Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with an objective to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households across the country. Under PMUY, a deposit free LPG connection is provided in the name of adult woman member of poor households. The target to release 8 crore connections under PMUY Phase-I was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and the target of 1.60 crore under Ujjwala 2.0 connections was achieved in December, 2022.

Due to PMUY, total LPG connections in the country have increased from 16.62 crore in April 2016 to 31.50 crore in July 2023 and total LPG consumption has increased from 19623 TMT in 2015-16 to 28503 TMT in 2022-23.

Government and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have taken several steps to provide clean cooking fuel to the people of State of Odisha, which inter-alia include release of 53.19 lakh LPG connections under PMUY, providing 83.73 lakh free LPG refills under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package during Covid pandemic to PMUY beneficiaries etc. Further, OMCs have commissioned about 400 LPG distributorships in the State of Odisha since April, 2016 to improve LPG distribution infrastructure.