LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1197 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2023

MIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS UNDER PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) the number of migrant households availing the LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala

Yojana (PMUY);

(b) the number of housholds refilled their LPG cylinders and using their LPG connections currently;

and

(c) the reasons for the low LPG consumption among PMUY beneficiaries since the introduction of

the Ujjwala Scheme?

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) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in May, 2016 with an objective to provide deposit free LPG connections to adult women of poor households, across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections 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 Ujjwala 2.0 connections has already been achieved in December, 2022. Under Ujjwala 2.0, a special provision has been made for migrant families who can use a self-declaration as a proof of address and family declaration to apply for a PMUY connection. A total of 5.43 lakh LPG connections have been released to migrant households under Ujjwala 2.0.

(b) As on 01.07.2023, there are about 9.59 crore PMUY beneficiaries, out of which 8.41 crore have taken at least one refill during 2022-23.

(c) LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, availability of alternate fuels etc. Per capita consumption in terms of 14.2 kg cylinder of PMUY beneficiaries has increased from 3.01 (FY 2019-20) to 3.71 (FY 2022-23). Further, the Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG, which include targeted subsidy of Rs. 200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year for PMUY beneficiaries for year 2022-23 and 2023-24, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection(DBC), swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package from April to December 2020 etc.