

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1277**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27 JULY, 2023**

**Price of Cooking Gas**

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**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) the details of rise in the prices of cooking gas cylinders in the country including Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (b) the funds saved by the Government due to abolishment of subsidy provided on cooking gas cylinders during the last three years;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to find out the fact that due to abolishment of subsidy on cooking gas the poor consumers have taken lesser number of cooking gas cylinder refills; 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): India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Also, the price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. However, Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Domestic LPG. The subsidy, as admissible, is credited to the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, Government has started 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 also provided about 14.17 Crore free LPG refills to PMUY households under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package during 2020.

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. The consumption of LPG in the country has gone up from 19.62 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in 2015-16 to 28.50 MMT in FY 2022-23. Also, the number of domestic LPG consumers has increased from 16.67 crore as on 01.05.2016 to 31.5 crore (including 9.59 crore PMUY beneficiaries) as on 01.07.2023. The per capita consumption of LPG by PMUY households has gone up from 3.01 refills in 2019-20 to 3.71 refills in 2022-23.

The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Domestic LPG at Mumbai and Delhi since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 are given below:

<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>RSP of domestic LPG (Mumbai) (Rs./14.2 Kg cylinder)</b>	<b>RSP of domestic LPG (Delhi) (Rs./14.2 Kg cylinder)</b>
01-Apr-20	714.50	744.00
01-May-20	579.00	581.50
01-Jun-20	590.50	593.00
01-Jul-20	594.00	594.00
02-Dec-20	644.00	644.00
15-Dec-20	694.00	694.00
04-Feb-21	719.00	719.00
15-Feb-21	769.00	769.00
25-Feb-21	794.00	794.00
01-Mar-21	819.00	819.00
01-Apr-21	809.00	809.00
01-Jul-21	834.50	834.50
17-Aug-21	859.50	859.50
01-Sep-21	884.50	884.50
06-Oct-21	899.50	899.50
22-Mar-22	949.50	949.50
07-May-22	999.50	999.50
19-May-22	1002.50	1003.00
06-Jul-22	1052.50	1053.00
01-Mar-23	1102.50	1103.00

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

Note: Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG excluding targeted subsidy of Rs.200 for PMUY consumers w.e.f. 21 May, 2022.