

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3486
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th AUGUST, 2023

LPG CONSUMPTION

3486. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of LPG consumption during 2020-23, month-wise;
- (b) the details of domestic LPG prices during 2020-23, month-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that prices of LPG have been increasing day by day and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that use of firewood/ other sources of cooking fuel has started again and if so, the steps taken by the Government to control the prices of LPG keeping in mind its affordability by the poor people?

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) Details of month-wise LPG consumption from April 2019 to March 2023 are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) to (d) India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Government continues to modulate the effective price of domestic LPG. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, subsidy as admissible, is deposited in the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries.

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. In addition, Government has also started a targeted subsidy of ` 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for PMUY beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for year 2022-23 and 2023-24. Price of domestic LPG (at Delhi) was Rs. 1053 w.e.f. 6th July 2022 and is Rs. 1103 in August 2023. For PMUY consumers effective price is Rs. 903 after a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per cylinder.

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 of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) 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 years 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 2020 to December 2020 etc.

The details of Retail Selling Prices of domestic LPG at Delhi during the last three years are at

Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Parliament Question No. 3486 for 10.08.2023 asked by Dr. Vishnu Prasad M.K. and Shri T. R.V.S. Ramesh regarding “LPG Consumption”				
LPG consumption (in Thousand Metric Ton)				
Month	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
April	1900	2113	2102	2157
May	2054	2296	2156	2159
June	1793	2064	2251	2225
July	2219	2258	2357	2404
August	2402	2262	2317	2388
September	2164	2261	2356	2441
October	2348	2421	2481	2394
November	2261	2352	2336	2461
December	2354	2523	2469	2570
January	2435	2490	2562	2507
February	2106	2262	2393	2391
March	2293	2256	2472	2406

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in part (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Parliament Question No. 3486 for 10.08.2023 asked by Dr. Vishnu Prasad M.K. and Shri T. R.V.S. Ramesh regarding “LPG Consumption”	
Effective Date	Retail Selling Price of Domestic LPG at Delhi (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder)
01-Apr-20	744.00
01-May-20	581.50
01-Jun-20	593.00
01-Jul-20	594.00
02-Dec-20	644.00
15-Dec-20	694.00
04-Feb-21	719.00
15-Feb-21	769.00
25-Feb-21	794.00
01-Mar-21	819.00
01-Apr-21	809.00
01-Jul-21	834.50
17-Aug-21	859.50
01-Sep-21	884.50
06-Oct-21	899.50
22-Mar-22	949.50
07-May-22	999.50
19-May-22	1003.00 *
06-Jul-22	1053.00 *
01-Mar-23	1103.00 *

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

- Targeted subsidy of ` 200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year is applicable for PMUY beneficiaries w.e.f 21.05.2022.