

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3551
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Connections under PMUY

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

- (a) the total number of LPG connections (Subsidised and Non-subsidised) issued till date under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), State/UT-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope of PMUY to cover more number of underprivileged families, especially in districts affected by natural calamities such as drought and flood in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/district-wise;
- (c) whether there has been a substantial increase in the demand of LPG cylinders, especially in rural areas and the steps taken by the Government to address distribution and home delivery of LPG cylinders, especially in rural areas and whether the Government is considering partnerships with self-help groups, farmer cooperatives, to improve the availability of LPG cylinders in rural areas;
- (d) the details of the objectives met in PMUY-2016 that aimed to provide free LPG connections to eight crore poor as of 7th September, 2019;
- (e) whether the State-owned oil marketing companies i.e. IOCL, BPCL and HPCL have been directed to provide data on refilling of cylinders to the Ministry and if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the scheme could achieve its ambitious intent of persuading households to switch from the use of harmful traditional biomass fuels to using greener fuels and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) whether the lack of subsidies on refills is the major reason behind households that did not make the switch and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for continued reliance of households on traditional fuels?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) are at Annexure.

- (b) No Sir. At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (c) The demand of LPG is increasing from year to year basis. The domestic LPG consumption during 2016-17 was 18,868 TMT, which has increased to 21,728 TMT in 2018-19. In order to strengthen the supply network to cater the increased LPG customers including PMUY customers, Oil Marketing Companies have commissioned 6600 LPG distributorship across the country including rural areas during the last three years and the current Financial Year (upto 31.12.2019). OMCs have reported that all distributors, except Durgam Kshetriya Vitraks, are under instructions to make home delivery of LPG cylinders in their authorised area of operation. Further, in order to address accessibility, OMCs have taken assistance from Common Service Centres (CSC) to provide various digital services including LPG refill booking services on pan India basis to bridge the gap between the distributor network and the requirement of the customer.
- (d) PMUY was launched with an objective to provide clean cooking fuel to 8 crore LPG connections to poor households and that was achieved on 7th September, 2019. On implementation of the PMUY Scheme LPG penetration has increased from 61.9 % as on 01.04.2016 to 97.4 % as on 01.03.2020.
- (e) to (g) OMCs continuously monitor the refills taken by the PMUY beneficiaries and OMCs have reported that 89 % of PMUY beneficiaries who are at least one year four months old have come back for refill. PMUY beneficiaries have purchased more than 48 crore LPG refills till January, 2020. The number of refills purchased by the beneficiaries is indicative of the fact that users are shifting from use of Biomass to LPG for cooking purposes.

Further, the LPG consumers including PMUY consumers, registered under PAHAL scheme, get cylinders at non-subsidised price and subsidy, as admissible, is transferred to consumers directly into his/her bank account subject to applicable cap on subsidized refills.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3551 for 16.03.2020 regarding 'Connections under PMUY' .

S.No	State	Connections Released(in lakh)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.13
2	Andhra Pradesh	3.93
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.45
4	Assam	34.88
5	Bihar	85.49
6	Chandigarh	0.001
7	Chhattisgarh	29.91
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.15
9	Daman and Diu	0.004
10	Delhi	0.77
11	Goa	0.01
12	Gujarat	29.02
13	Haryana	7.31
14	Himachal Pradesh	1.36
15	Jammu and Kashmir	12.45
16	Jharkhand	32.62
17	Karnataka	31.48
18	Kerala	2.56
19	Lakshadweep	0.003
20	Madhya Pradesh	71.73
21	Maharashtra	44.31
22	Manipur	1.57
23	Meghalaya	1.51
24	Mizoram	0.28
25	Nagaland	0.55
26	Odisha	47.47
27	Puducherry	0.14
28	Punjab	12.24
29	Rajasthan	63.81
30	Sikkim	0.09
31	Tamil Nadu	32.42
32	Telangana	10.73
33	Tripura	2.72
34	Uttar Pradesh	147.67
35	Uttarakhand	4.05
36	West Bengal	88.62