

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 89
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th SEPTEMBER, 2020

Low Refill Demand under PMUY

89. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of target fixed under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) and the number of free cooking gas cylinders distributed since April 2020, State-wise indicating a below average distribution of cylinders under the PMUY;
- (b) whether the Government transferred only Rs 9,710 crore directly into the bank accounts of Ujjwala beneficiaries, against a target of Rs 13,500 crore with respect to the scheme;
- (c) whether the annual rate of refills by Ujjwala consumers was a mere 2.9 cylinder per connection and if so, the reasons for such a poor show in refills;
- (d) whether the executives of Oil companies have started pressurising/threatening distributors to either deliver the booked refills, or get ready for bulk transfer of their connections to other distributors due to actual low demand from beneficiaries; and
- (e) if so, the detail of action the Government proposes to take to revoke their present attitude?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY), a target to provide 8 crore new LPG connections was fixed and has been achieved in September, 2019. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have issued 1306.87 lakh LPG refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package(PMGKP) till August, 2020. State/UT-wise details of LPG refill delivered under PMGKP are at annexure.
- (b) OMCs have transferred an amount of Rs. 9670.41 crore to PMUY beneficiaries under PMGKP for buying LPG refills.
- (c) Average refill consumption of PMUY beneficiaries for the year 2019-20 was 3.01 cylinder of 14.2 kg. Adoption and use of LPG on sustained basis by a beneficiary of PMUY beneficiary household depends on several factors which include food habits, size of household, cooking habits, price of LPG, easy availability of free firewood and cow dung etc.
- (d) & (e) OMCs have reported that the executives of OMCs are not forcing the distributors to deliver the refill without the requirement of customer or low demand from them.

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| Annexure referred in part (a) of Unstarred Lok Sabha Parliament Question No. 89 to be answered on 14.09.2020 asked by Shri M.K. Raghavan regarding "Low Refill Demand under PMUY". | |
| State | Refill delivered against (April-August"20) |
| Chhattisgarh | 31,71,197 |
| Meghalaya | 1,47,750 |
| Assam | 42,61,952 |
| Tripura | 3,79,414 |
| Nagaland | 75,654 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 65,998 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 98,07,942 |
| Lakshadweep | 460 |
| Jharkhand | 47,15,844 |
| Dadra and N. haveli, daman Diu | 22,600 |
| Ladakh | 17,039 |
| Gujarat | 44,31,673 |
| Manipur | 2,51,990 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 18,36,761 |
| Rajasthan | 1,01,62,602 |
| Odisha | 77,26,387 |
| Andaman and Nicobar islands | 20,769 |
| Kerala | 4,78,410 |
| Mizoram | 51,690 |
| Bihar | 1,44,39,342 |
| Tamil Nadu | 58,28,658 |
| Telangana | 17,65,085 |
| Goa | 2,024 |
| Karnataka | 54,48,255 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2,58,12,057 |
| Uttarakhand | 7,29,948 |
| West Bengal | 1,65,21,610 |
| Maharashtra | 73,24,831 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 7,33,230 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 2,85,947 |
| Puducherry | 30,613 |
| Haryana | 14,90,015 |
| Sikkim | 21,055 |
| Punjab | 24,33,890 |
| Delhi | 1,94,869 |
| Chandigarh | 246 |
| TOTAL | 13,06,87,807 |