

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4165
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LPG Connections 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 features of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY);
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra since the launch of the scheme, year-wise including the current year;
- (c) the details of the number of cooking LPG connections provided under this scheme within Tamil Nadu so far;
- (d) the district-wise number of LPG connections given under PMUY including Nashik and Dhule district in Maharashtra;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that the beneficiaries especially BPL beneficiaries are not refilling the cylinders due to the hiked price of cooking LPG within the country and as a result of that this programme has failed and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the details of the steps taken by the Government to educate the LPG consumers for complying with safety norms?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) was started on 01.05.2016 and the target of the Scheme has been achieved in September, 2019. The Salient features of the PMUY Scheme were as under :-

- LPG connection was released in the name of adult woman of the poor family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and conditions.
- Initially, the beneficiaries under PMUY were identified either from SECC list or from seven other identified categories. Subsequently, Government extended the benefit to all left out poor families under PMUY subject to fulfilment of terms & conditions.

- Under the Scheme, cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- for providing new LPG connection is provided by the Central Government.
- The beneficiary bore the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. The beneficiary was given the option to take Hot Plate or purchase first refill or the both on loan basis from OMCs at zero interest.

(b) & (c) No State/UT-wise target was fixed under PMUY scheme. The details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra are as under :-

State	No. of LPG connection released under PMUY
Tamil Nadu	32.38 lakh
Maharashtra	44.20 lakh

(d) Details of LPG connections released under PMUY in Nashik and Dhule districts of Maharashtra are as under :-

District	No. of LPG connection released under PMUY
Nashik	2.24 lakh
Dhule	1.07 lakh

(e) OMCs have reported that the average consumption of PMUY beneficiaries in the current Financial Year i.e. 2020-21 has increased by 44 % compared to Financial Year 2019-20.

(f) OMCs undertake various awareness programmes to promote awareness on safe usage of LPG, viz. engaging mass communication channels such as audio visual and print media, banners/hoardings, leaflets, pamphlets, conducting LPG Panchayat/Safety Clinics, regular customer contact by OMCs/distributors, etc.
