

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.936
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2021

Free Cylinders 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 total number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) as on 31st August, 2020 including the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe families who have been covered under PMUY till date, State-wise especially Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;
- (b) the challenges faced by the Government in implementing the scheme and the steps taken to overcome it and the achievement made since its inception;
- (c) the total number of free refills that each beneficiary can avail under the Garib Kalyan Yojana including the total number of free refills provided to Ujjwala beneficiaries since March 1, 2020 under the said Yojana, State-wise especially rural and backward areas of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;
- (d) the amount of subsidy given to each consumer household under the PMUY Scheme for the past one year, month-wise and whether the subsidy for each LPG cylinder for the consumers has significantly reduced since May 2020, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the number of women, who were using traditional chullahs, has reduced with the launch of PMUY scheme, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise including the other steps taken by the Government to popularize PMUY among women in rural areas through creating public awareness so that the Government could achieve the objective of PMUY?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) The Government had launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana"(PMUY) scheme to provide 5 Crore deposit-free LPG connections to women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, which were subsequently increased to 8 Crore. Initially, beneficiaries were identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list and subsequently seven categories were added apart from SECC list for identifying the beneficiaries. Thereafter, the benefit of the PMUY was extended to all the left out poor families subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria. The target of 8 crore has already been achieved in September, 2019 which includes 38 % from SC/ST categories. State/UT-wise details of number of beneficiaries under PMUY including the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra are at **Annexure-I**. Implementation of PMUY has resulted increase in national LPG coverage to from 61.9 % as on 01.04.2016 to 99.5% as on 01.01.2021.

The important steps taken to achieve the objective of adaption and use of LPG by poor households, sustained basis include relaxation in eligibility criteria, options to take LPG connection with either 14.2 kg cylinder or 5 kg and option to opt for a double 5 kg cylinder connection instead of 14.2 kg connection for existing PMUY customers, launching of Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat, audio visual media campaign, SMS campaign, display campaign by way of banners, standees and hoardings at public places, consumer awareness activities viz. School/college student level education programmes, quizzes, drawing competitions, nukkad nataks, walkathon, cyclothon etc.

During Covid-19 pandemic, a Scheme for providing upto 3 (three) free of cost LPG refills to PMUY beneficiaries was started w.e.f. 01.04.2020 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) to ameliorate the hardships faced by PMUY beneficiaries due to economic disruption caused by corona virus and to ensure availability of clean cooking fuel to them. . The validity of the scheme completed its term on 31.12.2020. PMUY beneficiaries have availed 1417.12 lakh refills under the Scheme. State/UT-wise details of free of cost LPG refills provided under PMGKP to PMUY beneficiaries, including the States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, are at **Annexure-II**.

The prices of petroleum products including LPG in the country are linked to the prices of respective products in the international market.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to part (a) & (e) of Unstarred Lok Sabha Parliament Question No. 936 to be answered on 08.02.2021 asked by Shri Gajanan Kirtikar regarding "Free Cylinders under PMUY"			
S.No.	State	Total Connections Issued	Connections Issued to SC/ST
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	12,436	723
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,91,860	1,36,094
3	Arunachal Pradesh	44,699	29,186
4	Assam	34,84,901	8,77,562
5	Bihar	85,37,893	21,01,262
6	Chandigarh	88	42
7	Chhattisgarh	29,89,440	16,71,060
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14,747	13,578
9	Daman and Diu	427	242
10	Delhi	76,855	56,562
11	Goa	1,082	480
12	Gujarat	29,01,059	9,69,959
13	Haryana	7,30,928	3,99,412
14	Himachal Pradesh	1,35,966	49,920
15	Jammu and Kashmir	12,42,080	2,98,300
16	Jharkhand	32,61,556	12,13,834
17	Karnataka	31,46,300	12,08,731
18	Kerala	2,56,302	68,004
19	Lakshadweep	290	266
20	Madhya Pradesh	71,54,600	33,25,631
21	Maharashtra	44,28,682	14,29,816
22	Manipur	1,56,598	66,177
23	Meghalaya	1,50,744	1,22,650
24	Mizoram	28,118	25,750
25	Nagaland	55,140	48,880
26	Odisha	47,40,385	20,06,901
27	Puducherry	13,577	6,494
28	Punjab	12,24,218	10,20,195
29	Rajasthan	63,68,525	28,67,831
30	Sikkim	8,752	2,536
31	Tamil Nadu	32,42,217	11,83,360
32	Telangana	10,72,321	4,96,500
33	Tripura	2,71,888	1,54,350
34	Uttar Pradesh	147,56,494	48,74,279
35	Uttarakhand	4,04,566	1,48,752
36	West Bengal	88,56,695	36,06,364
	Total	801,62,429	304,81,683

Annexure referred to part (c) of Unstarred Lok Sabha Parliament Question No. 936 to be answered on 08.02.2021 asked by Shri Gajanan Kirtikar regarding "Free Cylinders under PMUY'

State/UT	Number of Refills availed by the beneficiaries
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	22,323
Andhra Pradesh	7,62,236
Arunachal Pradesh	76,841
Assam	52,91,401
Bihar	1,54,13,247
Chandigarh	246
Chhattisgarh	42,20,273
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	25,694
Delhi	1,96,054
Goa	2,119
Gujarat	49,38,634
Haryana	15,16,012
Himachal Pradesh	2,93,031
Jammu and Kashmir	20,18,254
Jharkhand	53,80,287
Karnataka	57,16,317
Kerala	5,11,692
Ladakh	19,175
Lakshadweep	523
Madhya Pradesh	1,13,69,372
Maharashtra	76,29,188
Manipur	2,76,635
Meghalaya	2,01,691
Mizoram	55,284
Nagaland	90,538
Odisha	83,73,073
Puducherry	31,180
Punjab	24,53,629
Rajasthan	1,11,36,314
Sikkim	21,314
Tamil Nadu	61,90,992
Telangana	18,75,413
Tripura	4,49,726
Uttar Pradesh	2,70,90,268
Uttarakhand	7,63,540
West Bengal	1,72,99,812
Grand Total	14,17,12,328