

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2130

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2021

Variation in LPG Prices

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

- (a) the reasons for continually high LPG prices, even as international prices fell;
- (b) the details of the variation in gas cylinder prices, subsidised and non-subsidised over the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the number of initial beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) who have sought cylinder refills, State/year-wise;
- (d) the number of initial beneficiaries of the PMUY who have sought at least three cylinder refills, State-wise;
- (e) the number of people using LPG as the primary or exclusive fuel, year-wise along with the measures being taken to ensure LPG usage beyond first-use; and
- (f) whether the Government has an understanding of the impact of increasing LPG prices on overall household expenditure?

ANSWER

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- (a): The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. Prices of LPG in the country are based on Saudi Contract Price (CP), the benchmark for international prices of LPG and during October, 2020 to April,

2021 Saudi CP has risen from 359 USD to 607 USD. India imports more than 55 % of its LPG requirement.

(b): The details of average prices of domestic LPG cylinders (14.2 kg) at Delhi market during the last five years and the current year is given as under:

Year	Domestic LPG RSP Rs./14.2 Kg cylinder
2016-17	549.69
2017-18	653.46
2018-19	768.12
2019-20	694.73
2020-21	695.15
2021-22 (till July)	821.75

(c): The State-wise number of PMUY Beneficiaries taken LPG refills during the last two financial years and the current year (Apr-Jun'21) is provided at **Annexure-1**.

(d): The State-wise number of initial PMUY beneficiaries who have taken at least three refills as on 31.05.2021 since inception of the scheme is provided at **Annexure-2**.

(e): As on 01.07.2021, there are 29.11 crore active Domestic LPG consumers (including PMUY Customers) on all India basis. Year-wise numbers of Active Domestic customers (incl. PMUY Customers) during last three years are given below:

Period	Active Domestic customers (incl. PMUY) (in crore)
2018-19	26.54
2019-20	27.87
2020-21	28.95

The various steps being taken to improve LPG consumption among PMUY beneficiaries is given below:

- Deferment of loan recovery from subsidy amount to reduce the net cash outgo of a PMUY consumer to encourage refill consumption for six refills or period of one year whichever is earlier during FY 18-19 and also during Aug '19 – July '20.
- Swap option from 14.2 kg connections to 5 kg connections which will reduce the upfront cash outgo for a PMUY consumer and thus encourage refill consumption.
- PMUY connections were given option of 5kg DBC package for the financial ease of the customer. To avail the 5kg refills, the upfront cash outgo for a customer will be low.
- During lockdown on account of Covid-19, existing PMUY beneficiaries were supported with free refills scheme under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. Under this scheme, an advance was given to the linked bank account of the beneficiaries using which refills could be availed.
- Conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat (PMLP), a community-based program to create awareness about the scheme and also to address any issue pertaining to LPG usage.
- After achieving 8 Crore LPG connections, PMLP targeted nil or low refill consumers, to convince them about sustained usage of LPG. Total 1.46 lakh LPG Panchayats were conducted during 2018-20.

(f): In order to insulate the common man from the impact of rise in international oil prices, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer of Domestic LPG. The prices of non-subsidized Domestic LPG are however determined by the OMCs in line with changes in the international markets. Government provided upto 3 free of cost LPG cylinder refills to PMUY consumers in the year 2020 to provide support during COVID pandemic.

The impact of increase in prices of LPG can be seen on inflationary trend measured by Wholesale Price Index (WPI). The weightage of LPG in the WPI index is 0.64%.

Annexure – 1

State/UT -wise and Year-wise number of PMUY Beneficiaries taken LPG refill			
State/UT	No. of Consumers taken refill during FY 2019-20	No. of Consumers taken refill during FY 2020-21	No. of consumers taken refill during FY 2021-22 (Apr-Jun'21)
Andaman & nicobar islands	10,301	12,021	8,493
Andhra pradesh	350,946	390,532	243,893
Arunachal pradesh	39,027	44,489	27,302
Assam	2,590,426	3,405,671	1,610,834
Bihar	7,316,261	8,409,118	5,489,639
Chandigarh	80	87	60
Chhattisgarh	1,563,556	2,783,039	931,189
Dadra Nagar-Haveli Daman & Diu	12,226	15,120	9,306
Delhi	72,788	75,507	60,794
Goa	1,002	1,070	784
Gujarat	2,607,695	2,871,796	2,046,808
Haryana	693,926	718,835	517,155
Himachal pradesh	127,687	135,793	85,417
Jammu & kashmir	1,064,024	1,211,497	526,199
Jharkhand	2,264,792	3,217,282	1,390,140
Karnataka	2,802,755	3,128,891	2,245,995
Kerala	238,244	255,426	186,681
Ladakh	10,185	11,033	5,218
Lakshadweep	252	290	166
Madhya pradesh	5,476,546	7,076,055	3,657,394
Maharashtra	3,889,129	4,383,499	2,895,848
Manipur	142,883	154,161	117,285
Meghalaya	107,701	146,987	62,435
Mizoram	25,387	28,078	21,066
Nagaland	46,100	54,890	31,140
Odisha	3,567,010	4,699,801	2,282,601
Puducherry	13,708	14,375	11,846
Punjab	1,105,433	1,210,129	826,417
Rajasthan	5,612,782	6,308,695	4,066,920
Sikkim	7,947	8,740	4,192
Tamilnadu	2,825,095	3,217,546	2,213,206
Telangana	946,294	1,068,557	656,963
Tripura	178,996	251,335	109,094
Uttar pradesh	12,905,297	14,523,523	10,008,938
Uttarakhand	367,375	400,186	276,112
West bengal	7,024,110	8,747,828	4,911,618
TOTAL	66,007,966	78,981,882	47,539,148

Annexure-2

State/UT -wise, number of PMUY Beneficiaries taken atleast 3 refills as closing of 31.05.2021	
State/UT	Number of PMUY Customers taken atleast 3 refills
Andaman & Nicobar	12,027
Andhra Pradesh	386,288
Arunachal Pradesh	43,655
Assam	3,325,521
Bihar	8,370,994
Chandigarh	74
Chhattisgarh	2,607,439
Dadra Nagar-Haveli Daman & Diu	15,117
Delhi	74,147
Goa	1,062
Gujarat	2,833,165
Haryana	710,940
Himachal Pradesh	127,910
Jammu & Kashmir	1,196,296
Jharkhand	3,117,906
Karnataka	3,001,833
Kerala	241,754
Ladakh	10,998
Lakshadweep	285
Madhya Pradesh	6,779,765
Maharashtra	4,270,433
Manipur	154,498
Meghalaya	147,915
Mizoram	27,311
Nagaland	51,596
Odisha	4,541,462
Puducherry	13,504
Punjab	1,107,055
Rajasthan	6,182,280
Sikkim	8,639
Tamil Nadu	3,069,735
Telangana	1,059,097
Tripura	252,520
Uttar Pradesh	14,304,414
Uttarakhand	398,359
West Bengal	8,665,791
TOTAL	77,111,785