

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2021**

Utilisation of funds under PMUY

2256. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the features of the Ujjawala Scheme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year
- (c) the details of the number of cooking LPG connections provided under this scheme within Tamil Nadu so far; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware that this programme has failed within the country due to the hiked price of cooking LPG, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

**MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala 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 are as under :-

- LPG connection is 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 of upto Rs 1600/- for providing new LPG connection is provided by the Central Government.
- The beneficiary is also provided an optional interest free loan to take Hot Plate or purchase first refill or the both from Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs).

(b) No State-wise target was fixed under PMUY. However, the Scheme was started with a budgetary support of ₹ 12,800/- crore and the Government has made payment to the tune of ₹ 12,749.53 crore to OMCs against the connections released by OMCs.

(c) OMCs have released total 32.38 lakh PMUY connections in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Scheme.

(d) 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.
