

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 957
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th JULY, 2021**

Audit of Usage of LPG

957. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted or plans to conduct a consumer-side audit of usage of LPG across States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government intends to come up with policy changes in Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to increase the usage of LPG and if so, the details thereof along with the number of citizens who are availing benefit under PMUY and the total amount of subsidy being given to the them, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of citizens State-wise who have surrendered the gas connections from 2014 till date along with the State-wise amount of subsidy saved by the Government during the said period and the details of the LPG connections provided before 2014?

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) Performance audit of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was conducted by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) with a view to ascertaining the implementation effectiveness of PMUY. The CAG team covered the PMUY connections released from May 2016 to December 2018 and refill transactions upto March 2018.
- (b) Oil Marketing Companies have taken several initiatives to provide affordable LPG refills to the PMUY beneficiaries which include deferring of recovery of loan from subsidy from the PMUY beneficiaries to encourage refill consumption for six refills or a period of one year whichever is earlier, swap facility to avail small package of 5 kg refill against 14.2 kg refill as per their requirement etc.

Currently, there are 8 crore PMUY beneficiaries across the country. State/UT –wise details are at **Annexure**. The prices of petroleum products including LPG in the country are linked to the prices of respective products in the international market.

- (c) As on 31.03.2021, 1.08 crore LPG consumers have given up their subsidy under “GiveltUp” campaign across the country. As per available data, the estimated savings due to blocked/non-subsidised domestic/GiveltUp consumers from 2014-15 to 2020-21 is Rs. 72,586 crore. As on 31.03.2014, there were 14.52 crore domestic LPG consumers in the country, which have increased to 29.11 crore as on 01.07.2021.

Annexure

Annexure referred to part (b) of Unstarred Lok Sabha Parliament Question No. 957 to be answered on 26.07.2021 asked by Shri L.S. Tejasvi Surya regarding "Audit of Usage of LPG".

State/UT	LPG connections released under PMUY as on 30.06.2021
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	12,602
Andhra Pradesh	3,91,622
Arunachal Pradesh	44,635
Assam	34,74,269
Bihar	85,23,347
Chandigarh	87
Chhattisgarh	29,88,243
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	15,166
Delhi	76,138
Goa	1,081
Gujarat	28,98,837
Haryana	7,25,690
Himachal Pradesh	1,36,349
Jammu and Kashmir	12,30,044
Jharkhand	32,58,264
Karnataka	31,43,115
Kerala	2,56,059
Ladakh	11,072
Lakshadweep	292
Madhya Pradesh	71,43,500
Maharashtra	44,18,563
Manipur	1,56,398
Meghalaya	1,50,526
Mizoram	28,122
Nagaland	54,096
Odisha	47,36,613
Puducherry	13,568
Punjab	12,19,518
Rajasthan	63,58,427
Sikkim	8,752
Tamil Nadu	32,37,731
Telangana	10,71,348
Tripura	2,71,530
Uttar Pradesh	147,28,593
Uttarakhand	4,03,184
West Bengal	88,47,509