

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd DECEMBER, 2021**

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether there is any provision to provide priority to the families having differently abled/divyang persons under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has laid down norms/ criteria to provide gas connections under PMUY and if so, the details of number of free of cost connections provided to BPL families under PMUY since its inception, State/UT-wise including Andaman & Nicobar islands, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government increase the LPG coverage and remove the shortfall;
- (d) whether challenges/problems have been reported/ noticed by the Government in implementation of PMUY in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the natures of such challenges/problems faced by the Government and action taken to remove these hurdles in a time bound manner, State/ UT-wise; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to make the PMUY a successful scheme among the poor masses?

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 launched on 01.05.2016 to release 8 crore deposit free LPG connection in the name of adult woman member of poor households and the target of the scheme has been achieved in September, 2019. Further, Ujjwala 2.0 has been launched on 10th August, 2021 to release 1 crore deposit free LPG connections in addition to 8 crore LPG connections released under PMUY.

(b) Government has issued detailed guidelines to OMCs for implementation of PMUY and Ujjwala 2.0. State/UT-wise details of no. of connections released under PMUY as on 01.11.2021 since inception, are at **Annexure**.

(c) To increase LPG coverage, the Government has taken several steps which include, deposit free LPG connection under PMUY, hassle free connections, 5 kg cylinders, secondary connections for an existing LPG connection holder, option to apply online for new connection including PMUY and release of e-subscription vouchers, organizing LPG panchayats and public awareness campaigns involving State/UT Governments etc.

Under Ujjwala 2.0 beneficiaries are given deposit free connections along with free first refill and stove. The prospective PMUY beneficiaries have been allowed to apply for new LPG connections in online mode and submit a self declaration for family details and address proof.

Due to implementation of PMUY, the national LPG coverage, which was 62% as on 01.05.2016, has increased to 102.2% as on 01.11.2021.

(d) to (f) Implementation of PMUY is monitored closely in terms of number of eligible beneficiaries identified and the actual number of connections released vis-a-vis LPG coverage in States/Districts. The difficulties faced by OMCs mainly related to identification of households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc. OMCs launched awareness programme through print and electronic media highlighting the benefit of usage of LPG.

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 703 to be answered on 02.12.2021 regarding " Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) " asked by Shri Gautham Sigamani Pon and others	
State/UT	Number of Connections released
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,232
Andhra Pradesh	3,98,022
Arunachal Pradesh	45,485
Assam	37,96,085
Bihar	95,87,510
Chandigarh	87
Chhattisgarh	32,33,245
Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	15,199
Delhi	77,844
Goa	1,081
Gujarat	32,89,073
Haryana	7,29,389
Himachal Pradesh	1,37,354
UT of Jammu and Kashmir	12,35,669
Jharkhand	33,88,460
Karnataka	33,11,486
Kerala	2,69,892
UT of Ladakh	11,073
Lakshadweep	292
Madhya Pradesh	76,85,280
Maharashtra	46,10,896
Manipur	1,63,618
Meghalaya	1,60,450
Mizoram	28,793
Nagaland	64,982
Odisha	50,79,048
Puducherry	13,909
Punjab	12,26,913
Rajasthan	64,92,829
Sikkim	11,116
Tamil Nadu	33,64,069
Telangana	10,93,008
Tripura	2,74,587
Uttar Pradesh	1,56,95,499
Uttarakhand	4,24,399
West Bengal	1,00,74,155
TOTAL	8,60,04,029