

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3582  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022**

Replacement of LPG Cylinders under PMUY

3582. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any analysis on the decreasing number of LPG replacement cylinders issued under Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) to the rural poor women in the past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any long term measures for providing free replacement of cylinders to the PMUY beneficiaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b) LPG consumption of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. Per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries has increased from 3.01 refills in 2019-20 to 3.66 refills in current Financial Year (till Feb 2022).
- (c) & (d) During Covid-19 pandemic, a Scheme for providing upto 3 (three) free of cost LPG refills to PMUY beneficiaries was started for three months w.e.f. 01.04.2020 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona Virus. The Scheme was extended till September 30, 2020 and subsequently, till 31st December, 2020 for those beneficiaries who had been credited with the advance for buying refill, but could not buy the refill. PMUY beneficiaries have availed 14.17 crore free refills under the Scheme, across the country. No proposal is presently under consideration of Government for resumption/provision of free refill to PMUY beneficiaries.