LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2022

LPG Consumers

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of LPG Consumers in the country as on date;
- (b) the total number of consumers who have not refilled their cylinders even once during the last one year;
- (c) whether there are more than four crore LPG consumers who have not refilled their cylinders even once during the last one year as reported in media;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to rationalize the price of LPG Cylinders in comparison to Piped Natural Gas (PNG) price which is being supplied in most of the cities of the country; and
- (f) 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) As on 01.07.2022, there are total 30.95 crore domestic LPG consumers across the country.
- (b) to (d) During Financial Year 2021-22, 2.11 crore domestic customers did not take any refill. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, easy availability of free firewood and cow dung etc.
- (e) & (f): Prices of LPG in the country are based on Saudi Contract Price(CP), the benchmark for international prices of LPG and the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. However, Piped Natural Gas (PNG) prices are fixed by the City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities.