

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3029**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**Use of LPG in Urban Slums**

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase or promote LPG use in urban slums to increase access to clean cooking energy and improve air quality, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether considering the air pollution due to reliance on polluting fuels for cooking in urban slums the Government proposes to extend the Ujjwala Yojana to target more beneficiaries in poor households in urban slums;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that accessing LPG cylinders is time consuming and expensive for slum dwellers and is taking any steps to combat the same, such as facilitating doorstep delivery of cylinders to urban slum dwellers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (e) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in 2016 to provide deposit free LPG connections to women members of poor households and the target to provide 8 crore LPG connections under the Scheme was achieved in September, 2019, 7 months ahead of target date of completion of March, 2020.

PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August, 2021 and Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have released 1.34 crore LPG connections as on 01.07.2022. Under Ujjwala 2.0, all PMUY beneficiaries are provided free first refill and stove as well in addition to deposit free LPG connections. Further, special provision has been made for migrant families to avail new connection using self-declaration instead of proof of address and ration card. PMUY beneficiaries have option to select 5 kg or 14.2 kg cylinder connections. Apart from the above, OMCs have also given swapping option from 14.2 kg cylinder with 5 kg cylinder and vice versa to the PMUY beneficiaries. Documentation has been simplified for getting LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0. To ascertain family composition, ration card issued by State from which application is being made/other State Government document certifying family composition is accepted.

In addition, w.e.f. 21st May, 2022, the Government has started a targeted subsidy of Rs.200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for PMUY beneficiaries for upto 12 refills for year 2022-23. OMCs offer home delivery to all the LPG consumers including urban slum dwellers as a standard service.

Further, to meet the increased demand/consumption of LPG, OMCs continuously review the distributorship network and expand them, if required. OMCs have commissioned 7641 distributors from April, 2016 to June, 2022.

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