

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05 DECEMBER, 2024**

LPG Cylinders under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

1618. Dr. Shashi Tharoor:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the percentage of beneficiaries of the PM Ujjwala Yojana who either did not take a cylinder or just took one refill annually during the last three financial years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess and resolve such issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to help struggling households that are paying high prices for gas cylinders, even with subsidies;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to lower the prices of LPG cylinders for households not covered under Ujjwala Yojana; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (e): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched on 01.05.2016 to provide deposit free LPG connection in the name of adult woman member of poor households across the country. As on 01.11.2024, there are 10.33 crore Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries across the country. Details of refills taken by PMUY beneficiaries during the last three financial years is at **Annexure**.

LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, tradition, flavor, taste, preferences, price and availability of alternate fuels, etc.

Under PAHAL Scheme, the domestic LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised price and the applicable subsidy to the consumers is transferred directly into their bank accounts. Apart from the direct subsidy to consumers, the OMCs have also been compensated Rs 22,000 crore in FY 2022-23 by Government of India to cover the under-recoveries suffered by them in not passing on the high international LPG prices to the domestic LPG consumers.

India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. Average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 64% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 632 /MT in November 2024) while the effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG reduced in India by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in November 2024).

Government reduced the retail selling price of domestic LPG for all consumers by Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder with effect from 30th August, 2023. Government further reduced the RSP of domestic LPG by Rs. 100 per 14.2 Kg cylinder w.e.f. 9th March, 2024. The current RSP of domestic LPG at Delhi is Rs. 803 per 14.2 Kg cylinder.

To make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers and ensure sustained usage of LPG by them, Government started a targeted subsidy of Rs.200/- per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per Annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers in May 2022. In October 2023, Government has increased targeted subsidy Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per Annum (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections). After a targeted subsidy of Rs 300/cylinder to PMUY consumers, Government of India is providing 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders at an effective price of Rs.503 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country. A few State Governments are providing some additional subsidy on LPG refills and bear the additional cost from their respective budgets.

Further, as a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.68 (FY 2021-22) to 3.95 in FY 2023-24, and 4.34 in FY 2024-25 (upto October 2024).PMUY consumption has witnessed a growth of 24.3% during Oct 2024 vis-à-vis October 2023 (Total PMUY consumption has risen from 459TMT to 570.7 TMT during this period).

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1618 to be answered on 05.12.2024 regarding " LPG Cylinders under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" asked by Dr. Shashi Tharoor.

Financial Year	Number of PMUY Customers as on closing of FY (A)	Number of PMUY Customers out of (A), who have not taken any refill during FY	Number of PMUY Customers out of (A), who have taken only one refill (incl installation refill) during FY
2021-22	7,99,03,131	91,74,648	1,08,13,246
2022-23	9,58,59,418	1,18,84,259	1,54,74,040
2023-24	10,32,66,007	1,40,48,192	1,66,52,314

Source:- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).