

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05 DECEMBER, 2024

Steep rise in Prices of LPG Cylinders

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the steep increase in the prices of domestic LPG cylinders and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to make it affordable; and
- (b) whether the Government is ready to exempt domestic cylinders from the ambit of GST and introduce a regulating mechanism/body for price control and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): 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. While, 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), the effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG was reduced by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in November 2024).

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs 803 in Delhi. 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.

Currently, domestic LPG attracts a GST rate of 5%, one of the lowest slabs of GST.

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