LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2763 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12 DECEMBER, 2024

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Karnataka

2763. Shri Basavaraj Bommai:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the achievements of the Government in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Karnataka;
- (b) the number of enrollments under the scheme in Karnataka and the total subsidy provided to beneficiaries, district-wise;
- (c) the impact of the scheme on energy savings and reductions in consumer electricity bills;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of any technical issues on the registration portal affecting the user accessibility; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to address the issues and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सुरेश गोपी)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in May, 2016 with an objective to provide deposit free LPG connection to adult women from poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections under PMUY Phase-I was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY Phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and as on 01.01.2023, the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections had already been achieved. Further, government approved release of additional 75 lakh connections under PMUY Scheme for the period FY 2023-24 to 2025-26 which has already been achieved during July, 2024 and as a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

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 further 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/- per 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 including 41.47 lakh beneficiaries in Karnataka. District- Wise details of PMUY beneficiaries in Karnataka are at Annexure.

- (c): LPG in India is primarily used for cooking purposes and seldom competes with electricity as a source of household energy.
- (d) & (e): LPG consumers including PMUY beneficiaries can book a refill by various methods including Interactive Voice Response System(IVRS), Short Message Service(SMS), Whatsapp, calling directly on the phone of distributor, e-commerce platforms, OMC mobile applications, OMCs web-portals etc. These various options provide enhanced user accessibility for seamless and hassle-free booking of LPG refills.

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2763 to be answered on 12.12.2024 regarding "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Karnataka" asked by Shri Basavaraj Bommai.

District	Total connections released under PMUY
Bagalkot	1,95,230
Bangalore	30,713
Bangalore Rural	48,888
Belgaum	4,12,293
Bellary	1,53,710
Bidar	1,97,211
Bijapur (KAR)	2,14,711
Chamarajanagar	90,064
Chikkaballapur	87,158
Chikmagalur	61,916
Chitradurga	1,58,012
Dakshina	
Kannada	58,102
Davanagere	1,48,251
Dharwad	1,14,261
Gadag	1,07,545
Gulbarga	2,53,461
Hassan	99,928
Haveri	1,74,460
Kodagu	17,733
Kolar	88,799
Koppal	1,66,617
Mandya	1,43,714
Mysore	1,62,671
Raichur	2,54,225
Ramanagar	64,306
Shimoga	86,700
Tumkur	2,10,377
Udupi	32,367
Uttara Kannada	97,748
Vijayanagara	62,934
Yadgir	1,53,268

Source: IOCL on Industry basis