

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3991
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19 DECEMBER, 2024**

LPG Connections in Jalpaiguri under PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) the number of households in Jalpaiguri district provided LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since 2019; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme?

ANSWER

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(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. As on 01.12.2024, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections in the country. In Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal under PMUY, there are 3.3 lakh PMUY connections, out of which 0.84 lakh connection were released from April 2019 to November 2024.

Since launch of PMUY till financial year 2022-23, Government has been bearing an expenditure of up to Rs.1600 per PMUY connection for Security Deposit (SD) of Cylinder, Pressure Regulator, Suraksha Hose, DGCC booklet and installation charges. From financial year 2023-24, this expenditure has been increased to Rs.2,200 per connection for 14.2 Kg Single Bottle Connection/ 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection & Rs.1,300 per connection for 5 Kg Single Bottle Connection.

In order to improve access to LPG across the country, various steps have been taken inter alia, including organizing campaigns for promotion of PMUY, organizing melas/camps to enroll and distribute connections, promotion through Out of Home (OOH) hoardings, radio jingles, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Vans etc., spreading awareness about advantages of using LPG over other conventional fuels and safe usage of LPG through LPG Panchayats, enrolment/awareness camps under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, facilitation of consumers and their families for Aadhar enrolment and opening of bank accounts for getting PMUY connections, simplification of process of getting LPG connection, online application for PMUY connection at www.pmuy.gov.in, nearest LPG distributors, Common Service Centres (CSC) etc., option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection (DBC), swap option from 14.2 Kg to 5 Kg, provision for Migrant Families to avail new connection on Self-Declaration instead of Proof of Address & Ration Card, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package from April to December 2020 etc.. Further, OMCs are continuously commissioning new LPG Distributorships, especially in rural areas.

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 LPG cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year in May, 2022. Moreover, in October, 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs.300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries. With a targeted subsidy of Rs.300 per cylinder (and proportionately prorated for 5 Kg cylinder), effective cost for PMUY consumers is Rs.503 per 14.2 Kg cylinder (at Delhi) currently. As a result of these efforts, the per capita consumption (in terms of 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinders) for PMUY beneficiaries has improved from 3.01 refills per year in 2019-20 to 3.95 refills in 2023-24 and 4.34 refills per year based on consumption till Nov-24.
