

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19 DECEMBER, 2024

LPG connections in Rural Areas of Uttar Pradesh

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the policy and action plan to provide LPG connections in rural areas of the country, State wise;
- (b) the names of those places in the State of Uttar Pradesh where gas agencies have not been set up/opened despite being including under the Gas Agency Marketing Scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the time by which such Gas Agencies are likely to be set up/opened;
- (d) the names of the places where alternative arrangements for gas supply have been made; and
- (e) the rate at which LPG is being supplied/distributed in these areas?

ANSWER

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(a) to (e): 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 was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, 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 the target of 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections was achieved during December 2022. 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. As on 01.12.2024, there are 10.33 crore Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries across

the country. As a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

Appointment of LPG distributorships by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified and advertised under Unified Selection Guidelines 2016 for LPG distributor ship. As on 01.12.2024, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have 4145 LPG distributors in the state of Uttar Pradesh, including 3138 distributors in rural areas.

As a part of the advertisement of locations done under Unified Selection Guidelines 2016, a total of 16 locations were included in marketing plan and advertised since April 2021 in state of Uttar Pradesh. As on 01.12.2024, out of these, 11 nos. have already been commissioned and 5 are at various stage of commissioning. Names of these locations, current status, alternate arrangement for LPG supply and price of LPG in following these areas are given at **Annexure**.

Government modulates the retail prices of Domestic LPG and has been taking steps to ensure affordability of Domestic LPG in the country. In this direction, 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.

W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has been providing a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year. Moreover, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana (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.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4130 to be answered on 19.12.2024 regarding "LPG connections in Rural Areas of Uttar Pradesh" asked by Dr. Rajkumar Sangwan.

S. No.	Location	District	Status	Alternative arrangements for gas supply
1	MIRZAPUR	MIRZAPUR	Due for Re-draw	Yes
2	PAITEPUR	SITAPUR	Due for Re-draw	Yes
3	Ward No2 (Raja Bijli Pasi second), Ward no 03(Raja Bijli Pasi First) within Lucknow Municipal Limit	LUCKNOW	Due for Re-draw	Yes
4	AHIRAULI BAGHEL	DEORIA	LOI has been issued	Yes
5	THIRIYA NIJAWAT KHAN	BAREILLY	LOI has been issued	Yes

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis