

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 483
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th November, 2024

Distribution of LPG Cylinders to Tribal Families

483. Shri Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the current status of distribution of 25 lakh LPG cylinders to tribal families;
- (b) the criteria adopted/to be adopted by the Government to select the eligible families for the distribution of the cylinders in Telangana and the plans in place for expanding its coverage;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to address challenges related to affordability and easy access to LPG refills in remote tribal areas of Telangana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise in Telangana?

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 (d): 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 including tribal areas of Telangana provided no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and condition. Households belonging to Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list or from seven other categories such as Scheduled Caste(SC) Households, Scheduled Tribe(ST) Households, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin), Beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, Resident of islands/ river islands, Tea garden / ex-tea garden workers or poor households not covered under the above categories by submitting 14 point declaration are eligible for a PMUY connection. Under Ujjwala 2.0, a special provision has been made for migrant families who can use a self-declaration instead of Proof of Address and Ration Card to apply for a PMUY connection.

As on 01.11.2024, Out of total 10.33 crore LPG connections under PMUY, 3.13 crore connections have already been given to SC/ST consumers. In Telangana, out of total 11.85 lakh

PMUY Connections have been given including 5.06 lakhs to SC/ST PMUY consumers. District-wise details of LPG connections released in Telangana under PMUY are at **Annexure**.

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.

Further, W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has been providing 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. Moreover, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries.

Since the launch of PMUY scheme, OMCs have commissioned 7944 Distributorships (commissioned during 01.04.2016 to 31.10.2024) across the country, out of which 7361 (i.e. 93 %) are catering to rural areas. Further, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now. To create awareness about the scheme and also to address any issue pertaining to LPG usage, OMCs regularly conduct LPG Panchayats for the customers. The Government has taken several steps to encourage better consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, which include deferment of loan recovery from subsidy amount, Swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg to reduce upfront cash outgo, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection, Conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat to convince the beneficiaries to use LPG on sustained basis, mass awareness camps, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package from April to December 2020 etc. 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 4.34 refills per year based on consumption till Oct-24.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 483 to be answered on 28.11.2024 regarding " Distribution of LPG Cylinders to Tribal Families" asked by Shri Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy.

District	Total PMUY Connections
Adilabad	39,414
Bhadradi Kothagudem	71,556
Hyderabad	1,326
Jagitial	45,588
Jangaon	17,579
Jayashankar Bhupalpa	29,025
Jogulamba Gadwal	33,510
Kamareddy	45,785
Karimnagar	31,971
Khammam	83,176
Komram Bheem Asifaba	30,763
Mahabubabad	27,332
Mahbubnagar	42,669
Mancherial	32,712
Medak	32,134
Medhal Malkajgiri	1,934
Mulugu	19,009
Nagarkurnool	32,456
Nalgonda	71,270
Narayanpet	31,555
Nirmal	36,391
Nizamabad	51,327
Peddapalli	25,928
Rajanna Sircilla	23,218
Rangareddy	27,494
Sangareddy	50,445
Siddipet	31,553
Suryapet	58,696
Tadadri Bhongiri	12,853
Vikarabad	53,775
Wanaparthy	20,794
Warangal	30,547
Warangal Rural	42,093
Total	11,85,878

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis