

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2025

LPG Connections to Eligible Beneficiaries under PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries under the Socio-Economic, Caste Census list and specified categories become aware of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY);
- (b) the mechanism available to ensure sustained use of LPG by the beneficiaries instead of reverting to conventional fuels;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand PMUY to include additional subsidy for refill cost to ensure sustainability in use of LPG by poor households;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total number of eligible beneficiaries identified for LPG connections and were distributed to them so far under the said scheme in Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (f) the time by which the LPG connections would be distributed to the remaining households?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (f): Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala 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. LPG connection under PMUY is released in the name of adult women of the poor

households, provided no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household and fulfilling other terms and conditions. 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.

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 has been 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 01.01.2025, there are 10.33 crore LPG connections under PMUY scheme. Details of PMUY connections in district covered under Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency are at annexure.

LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, tradition, flavor, taste, preferences, price, availability of alternate fuels etc.

In order to improve access to LPG across the country, various steps have been taken inter alia, including organizing campaigns for improving awareness about 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 and Ration Card. Further, OMCs are continuously commissioning new LPG Distributorships, especially in rural areas. 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. The steadily rising consumption of domestic LPG by PMUY consumers indicative of growing acceptance of LPG by rural households.. Per Capita Consumption of PMUY households has increased from 3.01 refills (in terms of 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinders) in 2019-20 to 3.95 in 2023-24 to 4.4 (on annualised basis) in 2024-25 i.e. upto December 2024.

Since the launch of PMUY till financial year 2022-23, Government has been bearing an expenditure of up to Rs. 1,600 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.

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 increased the targeted subsidy to 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/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. No timeline has been set for distribution for LPG connection to remaining households.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1429 to be answered on 13.02.2025 regarding "LPG Connections to Eligible Beneficiaries under PMUY" asked by Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, Shri Bhojraj Nag, Shri Alok Sharma, Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor, Dr. Rajesh Mishra, Shri Rajkumar Chahar, Shri Naba Charan Majhi, Shri Manish Jaiswal.

District	Total connections released under PMUY as on 01.01.2025 (lakh)
Sidhi	1.88 lakh
Singrauli	1.86 lakh
Shahdol	1.48 lakh

Source: Indian Oil Corporation on industry basis