LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1437 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2025

LPG connections under PMUY in Punjab

1437. Shri Charanjit Singh Channi:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has been successfully implemented in Punjab and if so, the total number of LPG connections issued in the State till 17th December 2024;
- (b) whether Ujjwala 2.0 has been launched in Punjab and if so, the details thereof along with the current status of its implementation in various areas of the State;
- (c) the number of women beneficiaries received LPG connections under PMUY in Punjab; and
- (d) whether any special measures are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure regular LPG refills for beneficiary households in Punjab and if so, the details thereof along with the strategies adopted in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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(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. 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, out of

which 13.59 lakh connections in the State of Punjab. District-wise details of LPG connections released in Punjab under PMUY are at **Annexure**.

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.

In order to improve access to LPG across the country including in the state of Punjab, 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 The steadily rising consumption of domestic LPG by PMUY consumers to rural areas. 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 4.40 (on annualised basis) in 2024-25, upto December 2024.

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.

Annexure referred in part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1437 to be answered on 13.02.2025 regarding "LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Punjab" asked by Shri Charanjit Singh Channi.

District-wise details of connections under PMUY Scheme in Punjab – As on 01.01.2025

District	Number of connections
	released
Amritsar	98,795
Barnala	28,520
Bathinda	75,631
Faridkot	51,723
Fatehgarh Sahib	24,546
Fazilka	1,00,432
Firozpur	60,257
Gurdaspur	60,724
Hoshiarpur	64,912
Jalandhar	79,237
Kapurthala	37,276
Ludhiana	1,31,225
Malerkotla	27,928
Mansa	55,983
Moga	66,399
Muktsar	60,857
Nawanshahr	26,470
Pathankot	31,313
Patiala	1,06,261
Rupnagar	18,468
S.A.S Nagar(Mohali)	19,242
Sangrur	58,220
Tarn Taran	75,090

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis