

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3280
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th March, 2025**

Beneficiaries under PMUY in West Bengal

3280. Shri Raju Bista:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of beneficiaries in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts under the Ujjwala scheme and the total subsidy provided to them;
- (c) whether there have been any recent changes in the cost of LPG refill and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the logistic challenges in delivery of LPG refills in hill areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to provide any concession to the distributors in hilly areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts for ensuring home delivery, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(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 also 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 01.03.2025, there are 10.33 crore PMUY connections across the country including 1.23 crore connections in the state of West Bengal. District-wise details of LPG connections released in West Bengal under PMUY are at **Annexure- A**.

Since the launch of PMUY till financial year 2022-23, Government has borne 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.

As per Para 9 (e) of LPG Control Order 2000, the State Government may fix additional charges for home delivery of LPG cylinders to the consumers, as it may deem necessary in view of the geographical terrain and /or the distance in the area of distribution. Accordingly, additional delivery charges have been determined for Darjeeling and Kalimpong by State Government of West Bengal.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3280 to be answered on 20.03.2025 regarding " Beneficiaries under PMUY in West Bengal" asked by Shri Raju Bista.

**District-wise details of connections released under PMUY Scheme in West Bengal –
As on 01.03.2025**

District	Number of Connections
Alipurduar	2,96,085
Bankura	6,60,691
Birbhum	8,26,682
Dakshin Dinajpur	3,40,579
Darjeeling	1,25,827
Howrah	2,65,138
Hooghly	5,22,529
Jalpaiguri	3,30,026
Jhargram	2,23,068
Kalimpong	12,310
Cooch Behar	5,57,557
Kolkata	38,046
Malda	7,06,810
Murshidabad	13,20,261
Nadia	7,49,658
North 24 Parganas	9,35,847
Paschim Bardhaman	1,95,470
Paschim Medinipur	7,04,055
PurbaBardhaman	7,35,092
Purba Medinipur	7,52,749
Purulia	4,47,991
South 24 Parganas	10,97,465
Uttar Dinajpur	5,31,345

Source: IOCL on industry basis