

LOK SABHA
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Subsidy Allocation to LPG consumers under PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of the total subsidy allocation for LPG Consumers under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and regular connections during the last three years, the current year and for the year 2025-26, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for unequal distribution of LPG subsidy between regular connections and PMUY connections;
- (c) whether there is any plan to increase the frequency or amount of subsidy for regular connections; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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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 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.

India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. While the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 63% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 629/MT in February 2025), the effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG was reduced by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in February 2025, by reducing Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder on 30th August, 2023 and Rs. 100 per 14.2 Kg cylinder on 9th March, 2024.).

To make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers and ensure sustained usage of LPG by them, in May 2022 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 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). All LPG consumers receive domestic LPG at Rs. 803 per 14.2 Kg cylinder (Delhi price). 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 (Delhi price). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country. There is currently no proposal under consideration of Government for increasing the amount of subsidy.

Globally, PMUY is the biggest program of its kind that provides Domestic LPG to more than 100 million poor households at an effective price of just about Rs. 35/Kg. Further, the effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighbouring countries as on 01.01.2025 is as below:

Country	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg.cyl.)#
India	503.00*
Pakistan	1094.83
Sri Lanka	1231.53
Nepal	1206.65

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

*Effective cost to PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi, effective price is Rs. 803 for non-PMUY consumers

Government launched Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG consumers (DBTL) or PAHAL scheme all over India in January 2015. This was aimed at improving the subsidy administration of LPG across the country. Under DBTL scheme an LPG consumer gets her/his cylinder at full retail selling price (RSP) and the applicable subsidy, that is the difference between Retail Selling Price (RSP) and subsidized price, is directly transferred to her/his bank account.

While DBTL scheme subsidy is applicable for all eligible LPG consumers enrolled under DBTL, subsidy under PMUY is targeted towards only poor (PMUY) households. The details of funds allocation and utilization for subsidy on domestic LPG since 2021-22 are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Scheme	F.Y.	Total Allocation	Actuals
Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL)	2021-22	3074	177.06
	2022-23	180	180
	2023-24	1460	1460
	2024-25	500	231.39*
	2025-26	1500	-
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)	2021-22	1618	1568.44
	2022-23	8010	5663.38
	2023-24	8500	8500
	2024-25	12700	9892.22*
	2025-26	9100	-
Compensation to OMCs for under-recoveries on Domestic LPG	2022-23	22000	22000

*Till 10.03.2025

2021-22 to 2024-25 – Revised Estimates

2025-26 – Budget Estimates
