

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5339
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd April, 2025

Increasing Number of LPG Connections

5339. Shri Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao:
Shri Bhojraj Nag:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the number of households having LPG connections has risen during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the domestic cooking gas connections released during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide domestic LPG cylinders at an affordable/reasonable rate?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : 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. As on 01.03.2025, the total number of active domestic LPG consumers in India stands at 32.94 crore, including 10.33 crore beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). Details of increase in domestic LPG consumers during the last three financial years are as below:

Particulars (As on 1st of April)	UNIT	2022	2023	2024	01.01.25
LPG Active Domestic Customers	(Lakh)	3053	3140	3242	3289
	Growth	5.5%	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%
PMUY Beneficiaries	(Lakh)	899.0	958.6	1032.7	1033.4
	Growth	12.3%	6.6%	7.7%	3.2%

Note: Growth rates as on 1st April of any year are w.r.t. figures as on 1st April of previous year.
Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

The details of number of domestic cooking gas connections released during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise are at Annexure- A.

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).

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 support 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, 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.

Globally, PMUY is the biggest program of its kind that provides Domestic LPG to more than 10.33 crore 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

Annexure- A

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5339 to be answered on 03.04.2025 regarding " Increasing Number of LPG Connections" asked by Shri Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao and Shri Bhojraj Nag.

The details of number of domestic cooking gas connections released during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise

STATE/UT	Apr'24- Feb'25	FY 2023- 24	FY 2022- 23	FY 2021- 22
Chandigarh	4853	6526	5212	6229
Delhi	78794	191236	112933	101710
Haryana	168300	471207	175417	225437
Himachal Pradesh	32423	40641	44809	59400
Jammu & Kashmir + Ladakh	38156	52334	35126	49976
Punjab	89461	166086	147140	181256
Rajasthan	140623	621993	432131	430015
Uttar Pradesh	454823	1485578	1247213	2752171
Uttarakhand	56963	90980	108045	125661
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4217	4206	4196	5781
Arunachal Pradesh	9074	12963	11407	16901
Assam	61891	739244	519288	645003
Bihar	266272	1137170	889069	2057805
Jharkhand	52781	306267	237087	326448
Manipur	14437	29026	33447	40131
Meghalaya	6968	108779	50992	33061
Mizoram	5272	9974	10451	11220
Nagaland	4687	36170	22734	33886
Odisha	77928	302343	247406	595368
Sikkim	4240	11443	6219	11173
Tripura	10890	41958	24571	21493
West Bengal	214461	195971	1671405	2463369
Chhattisgarh	62971	335592	185668	441206
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	4484	7258	5165	6171
Goa	11789	12131	13520	15755
Gujarat	126055	594187	580807	775054
Madhya Pradesh	126227	730278	405978	970421
Maharashtra	599281	867592	833899	1074015
Andhra Pradesh	218563	596384	268019	327732
Karnataka	302065	708725	640928	732616
Kerala	137090	177580	201270	249914
Lakshadweep	560	509	212	307
Puducherry	6547	11285	7186	8690
Tamil Nadu	366036	810755	635711	705743
Telangana	250543	331671	301676	337394

Source: IOCL on industry basis