

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5426**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025**

**PMUY Beneficiaries**

5426. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram:  
Shri Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao:  
Shri Mahendra Singh Solanky:  
Shri Naba Charan Majhi:  
Smt. Mahima Kumari Mewar:

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided any specific relaxation to migrant households to get a LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of PMUY beneficiaries who have refilled their LPG cylinders during the last two years; and
- (c) the manner in which the PMUY has led to a significant impact on the lives of rural households, especially women and families in rural and remote areas of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh particularly in Dewas Lok Sabha Constituency?

**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 (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. 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. Details of LPG connections, as on 01.03.2025, under PMUY Scheme in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

and Dewas Lok Sabha constituency (which covers Dewas, Sehore, Agar Malwa and Shajapur district) are at **Annexure- A**.

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. 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.

Out of the 8.99 crore PMUY connections released as on 01.04.2022, 8.34 crore customers have availed at least one refill during last two financial years i.e. between April 2022 and March 2024.

Various independent studies and reports have shown that PMUY scheme has had a significant positive impact on the lives of rural households, especially women and families in rural and remote areas. Some key benefits are briefly explained below:

(i) PMUY had resulted in a shift from traditional cooking methods that involve burning solid fuels like wood, dung and crop residues. The use of cleaner fuel lowers indoor air pollution, leading to improved respiratory health, particularly among women and children who are traditionally more exposed to household smoke.

(ii) Households in rural areas, especially those in remote locations, often spend a significant portion of their time and energy in collecting traditional cooking fuels. LPG has reduced drudgery and the time spent on cooking by women of poor households. The free time, thus, available with them can be utilized in multiple spheres for enhanced economic productivity.

(iii) Transition from biomass and traditional fuels to LPG reduces the dependency on wood and other biomass for cooking purposes, leading to a decrease in deforestation and environmental degradation. This benefits not only the households but also contributes to broader environmental conservation efforts.

(iv) With improved cooking facilities, there is a potential positive impact on nutrition. Families may find it easier to cook a variety of nutritious meals, contributing to better overall health.

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**Annexure-A**

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5426 to be answered on 03.04.2025 regarding “PMUY Beneficiaries” asked by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, Shri Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao, Shri Mahendra Singh Solanky, Shri Naba Charan Majhi and Smt. Mahima Kumari Mewar.

**Details of connections released under PMUY Scheme –  
As on 01.03.2025**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of PMUY Customers</b>
Madhya Pradesh	88,47,087
Rajasthan	73,81,514

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on Industry basis

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of PMUY Connections (In lakh)</b>
Dewas	1.30
Sehore	1.75
Shajapur	1.34
Agar Malwa	0.84

Source: IOCL on industry basis