

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5503**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025**

**Domestic LPG Cylinders at Affordable Price**

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**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) the increase in the domestic consumption of LPG among Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers during the last three financial years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to review control the prices of domestic LPG cylinders and make LPG affordable for the General Public and the Ujjawala beneficiaries including Rajasthan;
- (c) the subsidy provided by the Union Government to the beneficiaries under PMUY during the last three financial years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government plans to introduce new measures to ensure the provision of affordable LPG for low-income households and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of rising LPG prices on the household budgets and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken to ensure the availability of LPG in remote and rural areas?

**ANSWER**

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री**  
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (f) : 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, 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 domestic LPG consumption amongst PMUY consumers are at Annexure- A.

Details of increase in domestic LPG consumers during the last three financial years are as below:

<b>Particulars (As on 1st of April)</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>01.01.25</b>
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: PPAC

In order to improve access to LPG across the country, 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](http://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 7959 Distributorships

(commissioned during 01.04.2016 to 31.12.2024) across the country, out of which 93% i.e. 7373 [Rurban- 1024, Gramin- 4974, Durgam Kshetriya Vitraks and Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak (DKV+RGGLV) - 1375] are catering to rural areas. As a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

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).

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs. 803 in Delhi. 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 including Rajasthan. Details of effective cost of domestic LPG cylinder to non-PMUY consumers and PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi, as on 01st March for last three years is as below :

	(Rs./14.2 kg. domestic LPG refill.)		
	<b>01.03.2023</b>	<b>01.03.2024</b>	<b>01.03.2025</b>
Non-PMUY consumers	1103	903	803
PMUY beneficiaries	903	603	503

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

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:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg.cyl.)#</b>
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

As a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.01 (FY 2019-20) to 3.68 (FY 2021-22), 3.95 in FY 2023-24, and 4.43 in FY 2024-25.

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.

The details of funds allocation and utilization under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) since 2022-23 are given at Annexure-B.

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**Annexure- A**

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 5503 to be answered on 03.04.2025 regarding " Price of Domestic LPG Cylinders" asked by Shri Dilip Saikia, Smt. Himadri Singh, Smt. Mahima Kumari Mewar, Shri Gajendra Singh Patel, Dr. Rajesh Mishra, Shri Dineshbhai Makwana, Dr. Bholu Singh, Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato, Shri Anil Firojiya and Shri Praveen Patel.

**Details of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) Consumption during the last three financial years and the current year**

<b>FY</b>	<b>PMUY Consumption (In TMT)</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	4439.24
<b>2022-23</b>	4896.86
<b>2023-24</b>	5591.3
<b>2024-25 (Till Feb'25)</b>	5957.2

Source; PPAC

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(Rs. in Crore)

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>F.Y.</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>Actuals</b>
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)	2022-23	8010	5663.38
	2023-24	8500	8500
	2024-25	12700	12700

2022-23 to 2024-25 – Revised Estimates  
2025-26 – Budget Estimates