

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 175
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th December, 2025

Affordability of Domestic LPG Cylinders under PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to maintain and ensure continued affordability of domestic LPG cylinders including for beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), particularly in rural and tribal-dominated regions of Odisha including in Nabarangpur Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under PMUY in Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency and in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;
- (c) whether the price of domestic LPG cylinders in the country is cheaper compared to neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to diversify the LPG sourcing strategy along with the region-specific measures considered for eastern States such as Odisha; and
- (e) whether the Government is compensating Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for losses incurred due to under-recovery on LPG and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRIHARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 ASKED BY SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI AND SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2025 REGARDING 'AFFORDABILITY OF DOMESTIC LPG CYLINDERS UNDER PMUY'.

(a): India imports about 60% of its LPG requirement and accordingly prices of LPG in the country are linked to its prices in the international market. While the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 21% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 466/MT in November 2025), the prices of domestic LPG were reduced by about 22% (from Rs. 1103 in August 2023 to Rs. 853 in November 2025).

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 (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers. LPG prices were reduced by Rs. 200 in August, 2023 and Rs. 100 in March, 2024 for all domestic LPG consumers. In October 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections).

For FY 2025-26, Government is providing targeted subsidy of Rs.300/- per 14.2 kg cylinder for upto 9 refills of 14.2 Kg cylinder (and proportionately pro-rated for 5 Kg connections) to the PMUY consumers.

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs. 853 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.553 per cylinder (in Delhi). For PMUY consumers, effective price for domestic LPG has been reduced by about 39% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 553 in November 2025).

As a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per connection consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinder refills taken per year) has increased from 3.68 (FY 2021-22) to 4.47 in FY 2024-25. Further, per connection consumption of PMUY beneficiaries in Odisha (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinder refills taken per year) has also increased from 3.02 in FY 2021-22 to 4.03 in FY 2024-25. Total, domestic LPG consumption by PMUY households in the Odisha has increased from 212.72 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) in FY 2021-22 to 317.22 TMT in FY 2024-25.

In order to improve access and availability of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 8,017 distributorships, during 01.04.2016 to 31.10.2025 across the country, out of which 7,420 (i.e. 93%) are catering to rural areas. As of 01.11.2025, there are a total of 25,587 LPG distributorships across the country including 966 in state of Odisha. These are served through 214 LPG bottling plant of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) located across the country. As a result of these efforts, LPG coverage in the country has improved from 62% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

(b): The details of number of beneficiaries under PMUY in Sidhi Lok sabha Constituency (covering entire Sidhi and Singrauli districts and part of Shahdol district) in Madhya Pradesh, as on 01.11.2025, are given below:

District	Number of PMUY Connections
Sidhi	1.87 lakh
Singrauli	1.87 lakh
Shahdol	1.48 lakh

Source: IOCL on industry basis

The district-wise details of number of PMUY connections in state of Uttar Pradesh are at **Annexure-A**.

(c): The effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighbouring countries as on 01.11.2025 is as below:

Country	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg.cyl.)
India (Delhi)	553.00*
Pakistan (Lahore)	902.20
Sri Lanka(Colombo)	1227.58
Nepal(Kathmandu)	1205.72

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

*Effective cost to PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi, effective cost is Rs. 853 for non-PMUY consumers in Delhi

(d): Strategically, diversification of LPG imports is being pursued to ensure supply security and mitigate risks arising from regional disruptions or geopolitical events. As part of this strategy, PSU OMCs have recently concluded contracts for the import of ~2.2 Million Metric Ton (MMT) of US-origin LPG for calendar year 2026, covering nearly 10% of the country's total LPG import requirement. This marks a significant step in strengthening India's energy resilience by establishing a reliable alternate LPG supply source outside the traditional Arab Gulf region.

(e): During the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in international prices was not fully passed in retail prices, due to which the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered significant losses. To compensate the OMCs for these losses, Government paid a one-time compensation of Rs. 22,000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23.

The international prices of LPG again went up during 2024-25 and continue to remain high. However, to insulate consumers from fluctuations in international LPG prices, the increase in cost was not passed on to consumers of domestic LPG which led to significant losses for the three OMCs. Despite these losses, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have ensured continuous supplies of domestic LPG in the country at affordable prices. To compensate the OMCs for these losses, Government has recently approved a compensation of Rs. 30,000 crore to the OMCs.

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 175 to be answered on 11.12.2025 regarding “Affordability of Domestic LPG Cylinders under PMUY”:

**District-wise number of PMUY Connections released in Uttar Pradesh – As on
01.11.2025**

District	Number of connections
Agra	3,30,432
Aligarh	3,16,016
Prayagraj	5,84,622
Ambedkar Nagar	1,77,073
Amethi	1,68,527
Auraiya	1,35,944
Azamgarh	2,99,777
Baghpat	72,197
Bahraich	4,46,541
Ballia	2,23,093
Balrampur	2,24,895
Banda	2,47,121
Bara Banki	3,22,753
Bareilly	4,26,651
Basti	2,08,033
Bijnor	3,31,388
Budaun	3,77,535
Bulandshahr	3,49,931
Chandauli	1,96,789
Chitrakoot	1,31,076
Deoria	1,98,448
Etah	1,69,144
Etawah	1,59,390
Ayodhya	2,27,209
Farrukhabad	1,65,309
Fatehpur	2,86,580
Firozabad	2,32,967
Gautam Buddha Nagar	78,268
Ghaziabad	1,06,435
Ghazipur	3,17,255
Gonda	3,41,958
Gorakhpur	2,93,994
Hamirpur	1,60,595
Hapur	74,970
Hardoi	5,09,437
Hathras	1,81,810
Jalaun	1,82,702
Jaunpur	4,01,979
Jhansi	2,17,502
Amroha	1,61,114
Kannauj	1,72,163
Kanpur Dehat	2,19,946

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs

Annexure-A (Cont.)

District	Number of connections
Kanpur Nagar	1,92,547
Kasganj	2,12,585
Kaushambi	1,83,284
Kushinagar	3,15,271
Kheri	5,19,640
Lalitpur	1,94,871
Lucknow	2,54,140
Mahoba	1,19,202
Mahrajganj	2,55,320
Mainpuri	1,70,161
Mathura	2,13,581
Mau	1,57,593
Meerut	1,98,833
Mirzapur	3,20,825
Moradabad	2,80,564
Muzaffarnagar	2,49,834
Pilibhit	2,33,093
Pratapgarh	2,72,915
Rae Bareli	2,77,067
Rampur	2,41,345
Saharanpur	2,58,649
Sambhal	2,15,273
Sant Kabir Nagar	1,37,382
Bhadohi	1,96,833
Shahjahanpur	3,57,273
Shamli	1,14,132
Shrawasti	1,57,167
Siddharthnagar	2,01,400
Sitapur	6,00,142
Sonbhadra	2,52,398
Sultanpur	2,29,370
Unnao	3,17,020
Varanasi	2,51,330

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs