

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 694**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Decline in Household LPG Usage**

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of reports indicating a decline in household LPG usage after recent reductions in subsidy support and whether approximately three-quarters of households still rely on LPG as primary cooking fuel, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the latest figures for national and Tamil Nadu household LPG penetration and trends during the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government under the Ujjwala/targeted subsidy mechanisms to ensure affordability of LPG cylinders for low income urban and rural households; and
- (d) the alternative measures proposed to prevent a shift back to polluting fuels, especially where firewood is costly or unavailable?

**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. There is no decline in household LPG usage. Domestic LPG consumption has been steadily rising as a result of various schemes and programmes by the Government. Domestic LPG consumption has increased from 26207 MMT in FY2023-24 to 27654 MMT in FY2024-25 at aggregate level. At household level the per capita consumption of Domestic LPG (in terms of

14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinders taken per year) in India has increased from 5.78 in FY 2023-24 to 5.96 in FY 2024-25 and 6.05 during FY 2025-26.

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.

Further, to create awareness and enhance LPG usage, various steps have been taken inter alia, including organizing campaigns, 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 Aadhaar enrolment and opening of bank accounts for getting PMUY connections. Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, Swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg to reduce upfront cash outgo, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection, Conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat to convince the beneficiaries to use LPG on sustained basis, mass awareness camps etc. As a result of these efforts, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.68 (FY 2021-22) to 4.47 in FY 2024-25.

As of 01.11.2025, there are a total of 25,587 LPG distributorships across the country, including 1653 in state of Tamil Nadu. These are served through 214 LPG bottling plant of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) located across the country including 19 in Tamil Nadu. In order to improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 8017 distributorships, during 01.04.2016 to 31.10.2025 across the country, out of which 7420 (i.e. 93 %) 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. Similarly, LPG coverage in Tamil Nadu has also increased from 80.8% in April 2016 to near saturation now.

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