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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23 JULY, 2026

Affordability and Supply of LPG

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any further measures to reduce the retail price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and to ensure affordable cooking fuel for economically weaker households, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of beneficiaries who have availed LPG subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of LPG across the country during recent international supply disruptions?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Prices of LPG in the country are linked to its prices in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG.

Prior to the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East in February 2026, India used to import about 60 percent of its LPG consumption, out of which about 90 percent was transiting through the Strait of Hormuz. With the closure of Strait of Hormuz, supplies of imported LPG were severely constrained. The Government took a series of proactive measures to ensure stability in LPG supplies post the outbreak of the conflict. These include rapid increase in production of LPG from 34 to 54 TMT per day, prioritization of household usage of LPG, diversification of import sources, dynamic stock management, inter-regional allocation to address localized shortages, etc. Despite this unprecedented crisis, supply of LPG to all households in the country has been ensured without any disruption. During the peak of this crisis, more than 56 crore domestic LPG cylinders were delivered between March and June 2026, including more than 12 crore cylinders to Ujjwala families.

As a result of the West Asia crisis, the average Saudi CP (the international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose upto US$ 780/MT in April and May 2026. In June 2026, as the Saudi CP rose further to US$ 796/MT (excluding premium), the Market Determined Price (MDP) of a 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder went upto Rs. 1,695 per 14.2 Kg cylinder. However, the Retail Selling Price of domestic LPG is being maintained at Rs. 942 per 14.2 Kg cylinder. For Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers, the effective price is Rs. 642 per cylinder in July 2026 after a targeted subsidy of Rs. 300 per cylinder.

Government has paid a compensation of Rs. 22,000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23 and has approved another compensation of Rs. 30,000 crore in FY 2025-26 for under-recoveries on sale of domestic LPG.

All the PMUY beneficiaries are eligible for targeted subsidies under the scheme. The number of PMUY beneficiaries as on 1st April of each year since 2023 is as under:

As on	**PMUY Beneficiaries (in crore)**
01.04.2023	9.59
01.04.2024	10.33
01.04.2025	10.33
01.04.2026	10.58

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

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