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Title: Need to provide free LPG connections to all the eligible women under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

**DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT (NANDURBAR):** Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in 2016 with an objective of providing deposit free LPG connections to women from poor households. The Government had set a target of 5 Crore LPG connections to be distributed to the poor households which was enhanced to 8 Crore. The said target had been achieved on 7th September, 2019, seven months ahead of target. In Union Budget of 2021-2022, government announced that 1 crore more connections will be provided under this scheme & PMUY 2.0 was launched in August 2021.

My Parliamentary constituency of Nandurbar is a tribal area & has also been declared as an aspirational district by NITI Aayog since it lags behind on several development parameters including low human development index. There are more than 60,000 women beneficiaries in Nandurbar which still don't have access to cleaner cooking fuels like LPG under PMUY & they are forced to use conventional fuels like wood which causes adverse health effects. The Government is requested to carry out a special drive for identifying these left out women beneficiaries in Nandurbar & ensure that they are provided with LPG cylinders under PMUY 2.0 in order to minimize the adverse effects of conventional fuel for cooking and other household purposes.