

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Beneficiaries of Ujjwala Scheme-Laid.

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV (HINDUPUR): The soaring inflation has badly hit the finances of the common citizens of the country, LPG Cylinders are available for as high as ₹ 1,000 in major metro cities across the country. The Government announced a subsidy of ₹ 200 per LPG cylinder for a maximum of 12 cylinders per year to the beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana.

We appreciate the Central Government's decision and are in complete support of it. However, it must be pointed out that such subsidy would cover only around 9 crores beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana.

The announcement still excludes a large number of people belonging to lower middle and middle class who have suffered much in the last two years. Further, the subsidy is only limited to ₹ 200, which would effectively bring down the price of a domestic cylinder to around ₹ 800 at its current price.

Thus, I would seek urgent intervention of the Hon'ble Minister of Finance and request her to provide benefit of the LPG Subsidy to all the people who are actually in need of it and to further increase the subsidy from ₹ 200 to at least ₹ 400.