

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1626
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd MARCH, 2020**

Beneficiaries of PMUY

1626. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI P.C. MOHAN:
SHRI COSME FRANCISCO CAITANO SARDINHA:
SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:
SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:
SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:
DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of LPG connections provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) since its inception till date along with the year-wise targets fixed and connections released under PMUY across the country, State-wise especially in Goa, Kalahandi in Odisha, Gopalganj in Bihar and districts of Karnataka and Rajasthan;
- (b) the quantum of subsidy being provided to common consumers;
- (c) the total reduction in consumption of kerosene oil due to provision of LPG to household under the said scheme, State/UT-wise especially in Karnataka and Goa;
- (d) the number of households yet to be provided LPG connection in the country, State-wise especially in South Goa and North Goa districts of Goa and in the districts of Bihar and Rajasthan along with the steps taken by the Government to provide the same;
- (e) whether the Government has the record of second time refilling of gas cylinders by beneficiaries, if so, the details of beneficiaries during the last three years and the details of total gas cylinders refilled by Ujjawala beneficiaries in the same period, State-wise especially in Karnataka; and
- (f) the details of special measures being taken by the Government for ensuring re-filling of cylinders by cent per cent beneficiaries under the above scheme?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) The target to release 8 crore LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) has already been achieved on 7th September, 2019. Details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Goa, Kalahandi in Odisha, Gopalganj in Bihar, Karnataka and Rajasthan are as under :-

State	No. of connections released under PMUY
Goa	0.01 lakh
Karnataka	31.47 lakh
Rajasthan	63.81 lakh
Odisha (Kalahandi district)	2.02 lakh
Bihar (Gopalganj district)	1.74 lakh

(b) The applicable subsidy for PMUY LPG consumers w.e.f. 12.02.2020 in the month of February, 2020 at Delhi is ₹ 312.48 per 14.2 kg cylinder.

(c) The PDS Kerosene allocation is rationalised taking into consideration factors like electrical connectivity, LPG penetration and lapsed quota by the States/UTs. The Government has allocated 1,56,000 KL and 2,112 KL in the financial year 2018-19 and 84,324 KL and 816 KL in the financial year 2019-20 in the States of Karnataka and Goa respectively.

(d) LPG coverage of the country is about 97.3 % as on 01.02.2020. Release of LPG connections is a continuous process. LPG distributors are under instructions to immediately register any request for new LPG connection and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) endeavour to release the same within 7 working days. As on 01.02.2020, details of domestic LPG consumers in the States of Goa, Bihar and Rajasthan are as under :-

State	No. of LPG consumers	LPG coverage
Goa	4.99 lakh	144 %
Bihar	174.84 lakh	75.3 %
Rajasthan	161.82 lakh	108.1 %

(e) & (f) OMCs have reported that 85 % of PMUY beneficiaries have come back for refill. As on 31.03.2019, PMUY consumers have consumed 28.90 crore LPG refills across the country and 79.78 lakh refills in the State of Karnataka. The major steps taken by OMCs to improve the refill consumption of the PMUY beneficiaries include:-

- Deferring the recovery of loan from subsidy from the PMUY beneficiaries to encourage refill consumption, for six refills or a period of one year whichever is earlier.
- Offering swap facility to avail small package of 5 kg refill against 14.2 kg refill as per their requirement.
- Conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat and Mela, a community based Program to address any issue pertaining to LPG usage.
- Improving last mile connectivity by commissioning 6600 LPG distributorships during the last three years and the current year (April, 2016 to December, 2019).
- Enabling booking facilities through Common Service Centre (CSC) across India.
- Conducting regular review meeting of distributors/ Sales area adopting area specific strategies for improving refill consumption.