

(b) if so, the details of the additional funds required to execute this programme, the date by when this new programme will be rolled out, etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) In order to undertake a feasibility study on marketing of LPG in composite cylinders by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), a public tender was invited by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. The pilot study is proposed in three select markets of Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Pune. This study is expected to commence after obtaining approval from the Statutory Authorities. Based on the results of Pilot study, OMCs will decide about marketing LPG in composite cylinders. No additional funds are required as the future course of action for marketing LPG in composite cylinders is not finalised.

Impact assessment study under PMUY

3160. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cooking gas connections have been physically distributed till September 30, 2016 to the eligible families under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the State-wise statistics of the same;

(b) the measures being taken to ensure strict adherence to the eligibility criteria;

(c) the plans of Government to ensure that the declared target of distribution of five crore connections to BPL families is achieved in a stipulated period; and

(d) whether any Impact Assessment Study has been conducted for this scheme, if so, what are its findings and if not, whether Government would consider conducting any such study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As on 09.12.2016, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released 12288517 LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). States/UTs-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) LPG connections under PMUY are being given as per following criteria:

(i) The connection is issued to woman member of the BPL household as identified in the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC-2011) data.

(ii) Beneficiary applications are received by the distributors alongwith their proof of Identity (PoI) and Proof of Address (PoA).

- (iii) Beneficiary has to furnish details, like Aadhar and Bank account.
- (iv) The KYC details of the beneficiary are entered into the system for running the de-duplication process for verifying that no LPG connection exists either in the name of beneficiary or her family member.
- (v) After the application is cleared through the de-duplication process, the beneficiary is eligible for release of LPG connection.

(c) Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), 5 crore new LPG connections to the women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families will be released in the following manner:-

Year	No. of connections released under PMUY
2016-17	1.5 crore
2017-18	1.5 crore
2018-19	2 crore
TOTAL	5 crore

Against the target of 1.5 crore for the year 2016-17, as on 9.12.2016, OMCs have released 1.23 crore LPG connections under PMUY.

- (d) No Impact Assessment Study has been conducted till date.

Statement

Details of State-wise Connections released under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) as on 09 Dec., 2016

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Connections Issued
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	341
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16,449
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Assam	2
5.	Bihar	13,61,233
6.	Chandigarh	0
7.	Chhattisgarh	4,52,425
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1,181
9.	Daman and Diu	38
10.	Delhi	277

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Connections Issued
11.	Goa	854
12.	Gujarat	5,72,503
13.	Haryana	2,22,494
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1,488
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,47,461
16.	Jharkhand	1,06,883
17.	Karnataka	15,818
18.	Kerala	6,263
19.	Madhya Pradesh	16,61,583
20.	Maharashtra	3,81,986
21.	Manipur	23
22.	Meghalaya	0
23.	Mizoram	0
24.	Nagaland	0
25.	Odisha	6,13,110
26.	Puducherry	398
27.	Punjab	69,248
28.	Rajasthan	13,82,409
29.	Sikkim	0
30.	Tamil Nadu	1,67,654
31.	Telangana	27
32.	Tripura	0
33.	Uttar Pradesh	39,75,588
34.	Uttarakhand	68,349
35.	West Bengal	10,62,432
TOTAL		122,88,517

Wastage of natural gas at oil refineries

3161. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on wastage of natural gas at the oil refineries, if so, the details thereof;