

Data on subsidy given to domestic LPG users

3160. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on the subsidy given for the domestic LPG users in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The subsidy provided by the Government to the consumers of Domestic LPG under DBTL Scheme during the current financial year (April 2016-December 2016) is ₹ 7,252 crore.

Availability of LPG in Bihar and Jharkhand

†3161. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure availability of LPG and increase the area of its coverage in the rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is a fact that people are not benefiting from Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana because of inadequate facility of LPG in the rural and semi-urban areas of Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government in order to develop gas infrastructure in the rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Setting of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and distributorships are being set up from time to time depending on the feasibility and with a view to strengthen the LPG supply infrastructure. As on 01.03.2017, there are 1075 and 392 LPG distributors in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand respectively. The LPG coverage of Bihar and Jharkhand were 30.6% and 26.8% respectively as on 01.01.2016 and have now increased to 42.8% and 33.9% respectively.

(b) and (c) There is no constraint of infrastructural facility to provide LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand, which is clear from the fact that, as on 24.03.2017, 24,56,985 and 4,72,828 LPG connections have been released under the PMUY Scheme in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand respectively.

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