

Date	Petrol	Diesel
19-Jul-18	76.78	68.35
20-Jul-18	76.62	68.23
21-Jul-18	76.47	68.08
22-Jul-18	76.37	67.98
23-Jul-18	76.30	67.89
24-Jul-18	76.23	67.79
25-Jul-18	76.23	67.79
26-Jul-18	76.23	67.79
27-Jul-18	76.23	67.72
28-Jul-18	76.16	67.62
29-Jul-18	76.16	67.62
30-Jul-18	76.25	67.75
31-Jul-18	76.31	67.82

Long waiting time to get refill under PMUY

1712. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has failed in its objective of persuading households to stop using firewood and traditional biomass fuels that have the potential to cause respiratory diseases:

(b) whether beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana are not shifting from biomass to LPG because price of installing a connection is too high and long waiting time to get a refill for an empty LPG cylinder;

(c) whether beneficiaries of UjjwalaYojana are not buying refilled cylinders after their first one runs out; and

(d) the measures taken to achieve the objectives of UjjwalaYojana?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As on 30.07.2018, more than 4.94 crore LPG connections have been released under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to BPL households. The connections released help in switching over to cooking using LPG in the place

of conventional sources of cooking fuels such as firewood, traditional biomass, etc. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported average LPG consumption of 3.5 refills per PMUY consumer.

(c) OMCs have reported that nearly 80% of PMUY beneficiaries who have completed 1 year of connection release, have come back for the second refill.

(d) The important steps taken to achieve the objective of adaption and use of LPG by BPL households, sustained basis include:—

- (i) Launching of Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat to sensitise the rural LPG users on subjects like safe usage of LPG.
- (ii) Audio visual media campaign on advantages of use of LPG.
- (iii) SMS campaign for beneficiaries who have not comeback for refill.
- (iv) Display campaign by way of banners, standees and hoardings at public places
- (v) Consumer awareness activities viz. School/college student level education programmes, quizzes, drawing competitions, nukkadnataks, walkathon, cyclothon etc.

Gas reserves in Assam and other North-Eastern States

1713. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are gas reserves in Assam and other North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has finalised any action plan for exploitation of gas reserves in Assam and other North-Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited, Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private/Joint Ventures (Pvt./JVs) companies have been producing natural gas from the fields/blocks located in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. During 2017-18, total 4.67 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) natural gas was produced by ONGC, OIL and Pvt./JVs companies. The total balance recoverable reserve of natural gas resource in North-Eastern States is about 198 BCM.

(c) and (d) Government of India has prepared Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 document for North-east, outlining steps to leverage the hydrocarbon sector for development