

for assistance in various projects in their respective villages/areas with special focus on Health (Nutrition, Sanitation and Drinking Water), Education, Skill Development, Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Environment Centric, Initiatives and Care for the Elderly and Differently-abled persons. Such requests/proposals are assessed by the unit level Need Assessment Committee with respect to the Corporation's CSR policy/guidelines/CSR Thrust Areas, after which projects are approved by Board of Oil PSUs, subject to availability of CSR funds.

#### **Beneficiaries under PMUY**

613. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the data of district-wise beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) the refilling rate for LPG cylinders under PMUY; and

(c) whether the Ministry is looking towards cleaner sources of fuel in the backdrop of India ratifying the Paris climate agreement and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As on 01.02.2018, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have released more than 3.34 crore LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). State/UTs-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) As per the refill consumption pattern of PMUY consumers who have completed one year from the date of release of connection, average consumption per year is found to be around 4.07 cylinders (of 14.2 kg) per annum.

(c) In order to provide clean cooking fuel to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country, the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to provide deposit free new LPG connections to the women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

#### ***Statement***

*State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released under  
PMUY Scheme as on 01.02.2018*

Sl. No.	State	Connections released
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1,698
2.	Andhra Pradesh	79,831
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4,693

Sl.No.	State	Connections released
4.	Assam	7,89,403
5.	Bihar	46,50,348
6.	Chhattisgarh	18,36,590
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	11,437
8.	Daman and Diu	202
9.	Delhi	519
10.	Goa	982
11.	Gujarat	12,44,775
12.	Haryana	3,49,005
13.	Himachal Pradesh	25,817
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	3,62,063
15.	Jharkhand	10,56,203
16.	Karnataka	8,44,656
17.	Kerala	32,798
18.	Lakshadweep	124
19.	Madhya Pradesh	31,24,586
20.	Maharashtra	17,61,349
21.	Manipur	25,405
22.	Meghalaya	27,137
23.	Mizoram	641
24.	Nagaland	7,931
25.	Odisha	20,03,651
26.	Puducherry	2,328
27.	Punjab	3,69,875
28.	Rajasthan	25,05,782
29.	Sikkim	570
30.	Tamil Nadu	9,13,226
31.	Telangana	41

Sl.No.	State	Connections released
32.	Tripura	36,294
33.	Uttar Pradesh	63,72,228
34.	Uttarakhand	1,33,615
35.	West Bengal	48,77,475
TOTAL		334,53,278

#### **Increase in gas prices**

614. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had in October, 2014 evolved a new pricing formula using rates prevalent in gas surplus nations such as the US, Canada and Russia to determine rates of natural gas prices;

(b) if so, how many times gas prices have been revised so far along with details of revised prices;

(c) whether ONGC and several other companies have requested Government to double the prices of natural gas so as to help them produce gas without suffering any losses; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to the request of these gas producing companies;

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Government of India notified "New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014" in October, 2014. This pricing mechanism is formula based and has been worked out considering the volumes and prices prevailing at major international markets such as Henry Hub (USA), National Balancing Point (UK), Alberta (Canada) and Russia. The formula has been finalized considering the requirements of producing and consuming sectors, and has tried to make a fine balance between their interests. The prices are notified after every six months in accordance with said guidelines. The domestic natural gas price is given as under:

Period	Price in US\$/MMBTU (GCV basis)
November, 2014 to March, 2015	5.05
April, 2015 to September, 2015	4.66
October, 2015 to March, 2016	3.82