

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Connections released
15.	Jharkhand	11,09,792
16.	Karnataka	8,75,450
17.	Kerala	35,616
18.	Lakshadweep	130
19.	Madhya Pradesh	32,02,315
20.	Maharashtra	18,08,459
21.	Manipur	28,679
22.	Meghalaya	30,387
23.	Mizoram	801
24.	Nagaland	8,415
25.	Odisha	21,30,648
26.	Puducherry	2,421
27.	Punjab	3,75,193
28.	Rajasthan	25,60,371
29.	Sikkim	663
30.	Tamil Nadu	9,58,508
31.	Telangana	41
32.	Tripura	39,217
33.	Uttar Pradesh	64,24,939
34.	Uttarakhand	1,36,013
35.	West Bengal	49,52,793
TOTAL		3,44,05,015

BPL persons under PMUY in Bihar

†1394. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a plan to provide free gas connection to every BPL person under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of BPL persons in the country, particularly in Bihar, who are yet to be covered under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Government had launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" on 01.05.2016 to provide deposit free LPG connections to 5 crore women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data and now the Government has enhanced the target to 8 crore.

- (c) As on 01.03.2018, Oil Marketing Companies have released more than 3.44 crore LPG connections including 47,66,162 connections in the State of Bihar under the Scheme.

Placement of trainees

1395. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 29.69 lakh people trained as on 1st January, 2018, only 5.39 lakh people have been able to get placement;
- (b) if so, what are the main reasons for this shortfall;
- (c) what are the new initiatives that have been taken in the last six months to improve the employability of those who have been provided training;
- (d) what is the mechanism to monitor that those placed are actually working or not; and
- (e) whether any data of such people is being maintained?

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Under PMKVY, since inception (as on 28.02.2018), 46.75 lakh (appx.) candidates have been trained (32.02 lakh STT + 8.28 lakh RPL) / undergoing training (6.45 lakh appx.) under Short Term Training and Recognition of Prior Learning.

Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16, it was not mandatory for Training providers (TPs) to report employment data. However, as per the