

Provision of subsequent refills of LPG cylinders

2194. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

- (a) what was the number of people from the BPL category who were provided with free gas connection with one filled LPG cylinder and a gas stove;
- (b) how does Government propose to provide subsequent refills of LPG cylinders for them to continue using the gas stoves;
- (c) whether Government is planning to provide them with subsidized LPG cylinders, if so, the details of subsidy Government is proposing to provide; and
- (d) if not, in what manner Government expects the BPL category people to continue using the gas stoves in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the Government provides deposit free LPG connection in the name of woman member of a BPL family. As on 09.03.2018, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 3.45 crore LPG connections to BPL households under PMUY.

(b) to (d) All the PMUY beneficiaries are consumers under PAHAL Scheme and receive subsidy in their bank accounts. Per cylinder (14.2 Kg) LPG subsidy in Delhi as on 01.03.2018 is ₹ 195.91.

Reduction of taxes on petrol and diesel by States

2195. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is keeping close tabs on prices of petrol and diesel;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the diesel and petrol prices have soared to their highest level recently;
- (c) whether Government has asked the States to reduce the taxes on petrol and diesel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of States which have reduced their taxes on petrol and diesel?