

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As on 28.12.2018, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 5.89 crore deposit free LPG connections including 34,71,563 connections in the State of Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). OMCs have reported that PMUY beneficiaries have purchased 22,91,66,657 refills across the country including 1,13,64,347 refills in the State of Maharashtra as of 30.11.2018.

(b) Government of India makes quarterly allocation of Public Distribution (PDS) Kerosene to States/UTs for cooking and lighting purposes. PDS Kerosene allocation has been rationalised by keeping in view the increase in domestic LPG connections, increase in domestic electricity connections etc.. The allocation of PDS Kerosene to the State of Maharashtra during the Financial Year 2017-18 was 3,84,696 KL and during 2018-19 is 2,86,680 KL. State Government has taken voluntary cut of 88,152 KL under Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene (DBTK) Scheme in the current Financial Year.

Petrol/diesel exported to other nations

2378. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is exporting refined petrol to 15 nations at ₹ 34 per litre and refined diesel to 29 countries at ₹ 37 per litre;

(b) if so, why petrol and diesel is available for the domestic market at such a high price, what is the difference between the basic cost of petrol and diesel after refining cost and retail selling price of petrol and diesel; and

(c) to what extent would the retail selling price of petrol and diesel be decreased if it is brought under the ambit of GST?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) export Petrol and Diesel based on individual parcel-wise contracts finalized with international buyers mostly on tender basis.

(b) The prices of petrol and diesel in India are benchmarked to international product prices. The retail selling price of these products in the country depend upon number of factors, including international prices, taxes, etc. Refining of crude oil is a process industry, where crude oil is processed through several processing units. Each of these units produces intermediate product streams. Thus, it is not possible to apportion and identify the cost of individual refined product separately.

(c) The extent by which the retail selling price of petrol and diesel will be decreased/increased will depend upon the GST rate to be determined by the GST Council, if they are brought under the ambit of GST.

Gas connections in Gujarat under PMUY

†2379. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the works completed so far in districts of Gujarat under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), district-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of families allocated free LPG connections in Gujarat, district-wise under PMUY during the last three years;

(c) the details of works proposed under Ujjwala Yojana in the said districts and the efforts being made in this direction; and

(d) the targets set per year in this regard during the last three years and the extent to which the targets have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As on 28.12.2018, Oil Marketing Companies have released more than 19.04 lakh LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the State of Gujarat. District-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) No district/State-wise targets under PMUY have been fixed. However, year-wise targets fixed and connections released under PMUY across the country are as under:—

Year	Target	Connections released
2016-17	1.5 crore	2 crore
2017-18	1.5 crore	1.56 crore
2018-19	2 crore	2.33 crore (up to 28.12.2018)

Statement

District-wise LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Gujarat as on 28.12.2018

District	Connections released
Ahmedabad	93,519
Amreli	40,849

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.