

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) under which a deposit free connections are provided to poor families having no LPG connection subject to fulfilling other terms and conditions. The scheme is under implementation since 1st May, 2016. PMUY is implemented across the country. As on 20.06.2019, more than 7.23 crore connections have been provided to poor families. The number of LPG connections issued under PMUY varies across districts depending on the number of eligible poor families.

(c) As on 20.06.2019, OMCs have released 22,303 LPG connections in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme. Currently, the LPG coverage in Nellore district is about 91%.

(d) and (e) Extensive publicity has been given about PMUY including through print and electronic media. Also, the elected representatives are invited to distribute PMUY connections to the beneficiaries.

Determination of prices of petroleum products

578. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of petroleum products are determined according to prices of these products in international market, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of increase/decrease in prices of petrol/diesel during the last three years and current year, date-wise and the quantum of increase/decrease recorded in prices of crude oil in international market at time of this revision;

(c) whether a reduction in prices of petrol/diesel by Oil Marketing Companies has not been proportionate to the fall in prices of crude Oil in international market; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and financial benefit accrued to Government from it?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined by the Government with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel in line with international product prices and other market conditions. The prices of petroleum products are linked to the price of respective products in the international mar-

ket. Oil Marketing Companies take a decision on retail selling price after considering various aspects including international product prices, exchange rate, tax structure, inland freight and other cost elements.

The details of increase/decrease in prices of petrol/diesel during the last three years and the current year and price of Indian basket of crude oil are available at the website of Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) *i.e.* www.ppac.org.in.

Refilling of cylinder under PMUY

†579. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in the country;

(b) the number of those beneficiaries covered under this scheme, who did not get their fourth or fifth gas cylinder refilled during the last three years;

(c) the number of inactive beneficiaries covered under this scheme who are not getting cylinders refilled; and

(d) whether any study has been conducted to find out the reasons why beneficiaries covered under this scheme are not getting their cylinders refilled regularly?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As on 20.06.2019, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 7.23 crore LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). State/UT-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) OMCs have reported that till May 2019, 1.67 crore and 1.45 crore PMUY beneficiaries have purchased the refills 4 and 5 times respectively. OMCs have also reported that nearly 86% of PMUY beneficiaries who are at least one year old have returned for the second refill.

(d) OMCs have reported that surveys/studies have been conducted by some Agencies/Institutes/Organizations involving PMUY beneficiaries. The use of LPG by PMUY beneficiary household depends on several factors which include food habits, cooking habits, availability and accessibility to LPG, price of LPG, availability of free firewood, cow dung etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.