

Shortage of doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff are due to expansion of the ESI scheme across the country leading to opening of new hospitals, taking over of ESIS hospitals for better medical services, retirement, attrition, etc.

(c) and (d) The ESIC has taken the following steps to fill up the vacancies and remove the shortage:

- (i) Regular recruitment of GDMO, Specialist, Super Specialist, Teaching Faculty and Nursing & Paramedical Staff has already been initiated and advertisements for filling up 2254 Paramedical & Nursing Cadre Posts in 23 States, 771 posts of Insurance Medical Officer Grade-II, 257 posts of Specialist Gr. II (Junior Scale) and 72 posts of Specialist Gr. II (Senior Scale- Super Specialties) in 19 States released.
- (ii) Field units have been delegated the authority to engage GDMOs, Specialists and Teaching faculties on contractual basis to tide over the crisis of deficit in Medical Officers' cadres.

Field Units have also been authorized to engage nursing and paramedical staff through outsourcing as per instructions issued from time to time as per actual requirement.

#### **LPG connections to every household**

1896. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target of providing LPG connection to every household in the country in the next three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and the status of implementation of the same;
- (c) the amount of funds earmarked for the purpose and the amount spent so far; and
- (d) the details of implementation of the scheme in North-Eastern India and the number of households yet to be provided LPG connections, State-wise, including Assam thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) Providing LPG connections is a continuous process. The target of

8 crore deposit free LPG connections to the adult women of poor households under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has been achieved on 07.09.2019 which has resulted in the national coverage of LPG increasing to 96.6%. An amount of ₹ 12,800 crore has been earmarked for PMUY, out of which ₹ 10,675 crore has already been reimbursed by the Government to Oil Marketing Companies, About ₹ 1.21 lakh crore subsidy has also been directly transferred into the bank accounts of the LPG consumers including PMUY beneficiaries.

(d) State-wise details of LPG connections and connections given under PMUY scheme, including North Eastern States are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*State-wise details of LPG connection and connection given under PMUY scheme*

State/UT	Total LPG consumers	PMUY consumers
Chandigarh	275875	88
Delhi	4861826	76904
Haryana	6731527	731222
Himachal Pradesh	1825405	136092
Jamnu and Kashmir	3154279	1232624
Punjab	8365306	1224800
Rajasthan	16092755	6391887
Uttar Pradesh	39608333	14782515
Uttarakhand	2583171	404749
SUB TOTAL NORTH	83498477	24980881
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	107101	13155
Arunachal Pradesh	259205	44698
Assam	7029230	3493514
Bihar	17325775	8568418
Jharkhand	5580576	3291256
Manipur	539943	156599

State/UT	Total LPG consumers	PMUY consumers
Meghalaya	314088	150735
Mizoram	293998	28123
Nagaland	258493	55147
Odisha	8509322	4748983
Sikkim	140838	8752
Tripura	730963	272133
West Bengal	21807612	8873588
SUB TOTAL EAST	62897144	29705101
Chhattisgarh	5145256	2998613
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	88164	14628
Daman and Diu	61314	427
Goa	487619	1082
Gujarat	10371353	2907701
Madhya Pradesh	14830583	7178796
Maharashtra	27142633	4436535
SUB TOTAL WEST	58126922	17537782
Andhra Pradesh	13465372	390952
Karnataka	15749694	3150196
Kerala	8692507	256408
Lakshadweep	7981	292
Puducherry	370292	13581
Tamil Nadu	20873136	3242953
Telangana	10735477	1074979
SUB TOTAL SOUTH	69894459	8129361
TOTAL	274417002	80353125