

**Provision of LPG connection to every household**

‡451. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the policy of providing a LPG connection to every household towards cooking of meals and keeping the environment clean has been implemented; and

(b) the updated outcome and the future plan of action, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) In order to provide clean cooking fuel and keep the environment clean, the Government had launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" on 01.05.2016 to provide 8 crore deposit-free LPG connections to poor households. The Government has achieved the target on 7th September, 2019, 7 months ahead of the target date. At present national LPG coverage is 96.9 %. Further, release of LPG connections is a continuous process. LPG distributors are under instructions to immediately register any request for new LPG connection and OMCs endeavour to release the same within 7 working days as per eligibility and after following due process.

**LPG connection after de-duplication process**

‡452. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG connections issued to new domestic consumers in rural and urban areas of the country after the de-duplication process was conducted, State/UT/area-wise by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) whether Government has received complaints against LPG distributors who are not issuing LPG connections to consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the actions taken against such distributors;

(d) the total number of consumers in States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh who have submitted their applications for domestic LPG connections; and

(e) the time by when these domestic consumers are to be provided new LPG connections?

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THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there is no separate flagging of 'Rural' or 'Urban' customers in their software. However, on the basis of types of distributorships, OMCs after carrying out de-duplication process have released 4.17 crore and 7.96 crore new LPG connections respectively in urban and rural areas in the last three years and the current year. State/UT-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (e) Release of LPG connections is a continuous process. LPG distributors are under instructions to immediately register any request for new LPG connection and OMCs endeavour to release the same within 7 working days as per eligibility and after following due process. In cases of non-compliance, action is taken against the distributor under the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

**Statement**

*Urban-rural bifurcation of domestic new LPG connections released by OMCs during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and Apr-Dec. 2019*

State/UT	No. of new connections (in lakh)		
	Urban*	Rural*	Total
1	2	3	4
Chandigarh	0.39	0.00	0.39
Delhi	6.99	0.00	6.99
Haryana	11.14	12.17	23.31
Himachal Pradesh	2.98	3.02	6.00
UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh combined	4.34	12.01	16.34
Punjab	11.72	13.48	25.19
Rajasthan	24.67	54.38	79.05
Uttar Pradesh	76.86	144.68	221.54
Uttarakhand	4.47	4.30	8.77
<b>Sub Total North</b>	143.55	244.03	387.59

1	2	3	4
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.27	0.11	0.38
Arunachal Pradesh	0.57	0.47	1.04
Assam	17.74	27.11	44.85
Bihar	21.45	93.10	114.55
Jharkhand	9.24	29.32	38.55
Manipur	0.79	1.71	2.50
Meghalaya	1.04	0.90	1.94
Mizoram	0.15	0.46	0.61
Nagaland	0.52	0.55	1.08
Odisha	11.34	44.55	55.89
Sikkim	0.29	0.17	0.46
Tripura	1.32	2.37	3.69
West Bengal	36.77	80.43	117.20
<b>Sub Total East</b>	101.49	281.25	382.74
Chhattisgarh	7.37	26.54	33.90
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.26	0.02	0.27
Daman and Diu	0.13	0.00	0.13
Goa	0.52	0.13	0.65
Gujarat	20.14	22.21	42.35
Madhya Pradesh	25.46	60.30	85.76
Maharashtra	36.04	52.56	88.60
<b>Sub Total West</b>	89.91	161.75	251.66
Andhra Pradesh	11.98	23.65	35.63
Karnataka	29.31	28.99	58.30
Kerala	5.73	6.80	12.54

1	2	3	4
Lakshadweep	0.05	0.00	0.05
Puducherry	0.31	0.21	0.52
Tamil Nadu	24.57	31.74	56.30
Telangana	10.82	18.09	28.91
<b>Sub Total South</b>	82.75	109.49	192.24
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	417.70	796.52	1214.22

\*There is no separate flagging of 'rural' or 'urban' customers in the software system of OMCs to bifurcate the LPG consumer population on this basis. However for an indicative estimate, above urban/rural bifurcation has been taken as per the market type of the distributorship

#### **Diversion of LPG cylinder for commercial use**

453. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a massive diversion of LPG cylinders for commercial use from Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY);

(b) whether it is a fact that distributors had issued 2 to 20 refills in a day to a single beneficiary of PMUY having a single cylinder connection;

(c) whether it is also a fact that atleast 2.98 lakh customers of PMUY have applied for more than one refill a day in 3.43 lakh instances; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there is a possibility of diversion of domestic LPG cylinders including PMUY cylinders by unscrupulous elements due to the tax differential between LPG for domestic use and commercial LPG. Complaints of diversion are investigated by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and if the complaint is established, action is taken as per provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG)/Distributorship Agreement.

(b) to (d) OMCs have now reported that there is a control mechanism in place by OMCs software to prevent more than one cylinder booking in a single day.