

shortage of some medicines at State run Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. However, medicines, including those of BP and Sugar, are readily available in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e) Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has advised to these states examine the matter and take suitable action. Further, as informed by these State Governments, procurement of medicines from Rate Contract firms is on top priority and if the medicines are not available/ supplied by the firms, Medical Superintendents/In-charges of ESIS Hospitals/dispensaries have been delegated powers to purchase medicines locally, as per rules.

Prices of LPG cylinders

443. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of subsidised LPG cylinders are increasing every month for the last six months without announcing on media/news papers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has made any mechanism to control the prices of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. However, the Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Subsidized Domestic LPG and the consumers get the product at subsidized rate.

Gas to FCI in Ramagundam

444. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to allocate gas to Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) in Ramagundam, Telangana to start the production; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The domestic gas allocation is carried out from various gas fields based on projected gas availability to various industries/sectors including Fertilizer Sector as per the gas utilization policies framed from time to time. In order to ensure the gas availability for Fertilizer (Urea) manufacturing plants, Government has notified guidelines dated 20th May 2015 for pooling of gas for fertilizer (Urea) sector. Further, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), being imported under Open General License, can be procured on mutual agreement between buyers and sellers. GAIL, a supplier of LNG, has informed that Ramagundam Fertilizer and Chemicals Ltd., Telangana has tied-up requisite LNG quantity to meet its feedstock requirement.

LPG connections issued under PMUY

445. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of LPG connections issued so far under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to expand the scope of PMUY to cover more under privileged families, especially in drought affected areas of district Pune in State of Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The target of providing 8 crore LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has been achieved on 7 September, 2019. State/UT-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) No Sir. Currently, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

State/UT-wise LPG connections released under PMUY as on 29.01.2020

Sl. No.	State	Connections Released
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,043
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3,93,126
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	44,700
4.	Assam	34,92,046