

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

Sl. No.	State	Connections Released
5.	Bihar	85,50,706
6.	Chandigarh	88
7.	Chhattisgarh	29,92,291
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14,748
9.	Daman and Diu	427
10.	Delhi	76,896
11.	Goa	1,082
12.	Gujarat	29,04,503
13.	Haryana	7,30,960
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1,36,050
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	12,41,741
16.	Jharkhand	32,63,973
17.	Karnataka	31,47,691
18.	Kerala	2,56,364
19.	Lakshadweep	292
20.	Madhya Pradesh	71,75,084
21.	Maharashtra	44,31,969
22.	Manipur	1,56,603
23.	Meghalaya	1,50,742
24.	Mizoram	28,118
25.	Nagaland	55,144
26.	Odisha	47,46,624
27.	Puducherry	13,578
28.	Punjab	12,24,530
29.	Rajasthan	63,81,842

Sl. No.	State	Connections Released
30.	Sikkim	8,752
31.	Tamil Nadu	32,42,434
32.	Telangana	10,72,549
33.	Tripura	2,71,915
34.	Uttar Pradesh	147,63,975
35.	Uttarakhand	4,04,709
36.	West Bengal	88,64,925
TOTAL		802,54,220

Plan to reduce country's oil import

‡446. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring any special plan to reduce country's oil import dependence, if so, the details of the said plan:

(b) whether any high level committee has been constituted to form a strategy under the said plan, if so, the details of the major recommendations of the said committee; and

(c) the year-wise details of the expenditure incurred by Government on the import of petroleum and crude oil during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is working in collaboration with various Central Government Ministries/State Governments/ stakeholders to make efforts to achieve reduction in import dependency on oil. The import reduction strategy broadly includes increasing domestic production of oil and gas, improving energy efficiency and productivity, giving thrust on demand substitution, promoting biofuels and using alternate fuels/ renewables.

Government has taken several steps to enhance exploration and production of oil and gas in the country which include; Policy for Relaxations, Extensions and Clarifications

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.