

Increase in prices of petroleum products

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

(a) the details of increase in prices of petrol, diesel and CNG in terms of percentage during the last three years in the country;

(b) whether Government has evaluated the increasing consumption of petrol during the last three years, if so, the details of the said increase in the consumption in terms of percentage and whether the increase in demand is in consonance with the increase in prices; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to bring uniformity in prices of petrol, diesel and CNG across the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The average price and percentage increase of petrol and diesel for the last three years is as under:—

Year	Petrol (₹/litre)	% increase over previous year	Diesel (₹/ litre)	% increase over previous year
2016-17	64.61	4.9	53.24	13.25
2017-18	69.20	7.1	58.78	10.41
2018-19	75.37	8.9	68.22	16.06

The basic price of Natural gas is determined as per new domestic natural gas pricing guidelines 2014 on 6 monthly basis. Basic price has increased from US \$ 2.50/MMBTU to US \$ 3.23/MMBTU in last 3 years which is an increase of 29%.

The details of consumption of petrol during the last three years is given as under:—

Financial Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Petrol consumption (in TMT)	23765	26174	28284
%Growth	9*	10	8

* During the year 2015-16, petrol consumption (in TMT) was 21847.

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. Retail price of CNG is determined by CGD entities after considering state taxes, tariff and other components.

Beneficiaries and targets of PMUY

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

(a) the annual number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) till date along with the details of beneficiaries of the new cylinder distributions, State-wise;

(b) the target number of registration of new beneficiaries of PMUY, State-wise, for the next two years; and

(c) the present status of PMUY in the country and whether Government is planning to provide PMUY to the unconnected left out BPL families in the country in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The State/UT and year-wise details of number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) are given in the Statement (*See below*).

The target to release 8 crore LPG connections under PMUY has already been achieved. Further, release of LPG connections is a continuous process and LPG distributors are under instructions to immediately register any request for new LPG connection. OMCs endeavour to release the same within 7 working days as per eligibility and after following due process.