

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1889  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**Drop in price of crude oil**

1889# **Smt. Sampatiya Uikey:**

**Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the price of crude oil had dropped by ₹ 11 per barrel due to lockdown;
- (b) the dates when rates of petrol, diesel and cooking gas were increased during lockdown in the country;
- (c) the gap between demand and supply during lockdown; and
- (d) the year-wise details of price hike of diesel, petrol and cooking gas during last five years?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

- (a): Due to various geo political events and outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic leading to destruction of demand, the Average Price of Indian Basket of Crude oil dropped to US \$ 19.90/bbl in April, 2020. After that the price of crude oil in international market has risen.
- (b): The details of daily Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of petrol and diesel since 01.01.2018 in four metro cities viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai are available at the website of Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) i.e. [www.ppac.gov.in](http://www.ppac.gov.in). and the prices of domestic LPG are available at the website of IOCL i.e. [www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com).
- (c): Adequate supply of Petroleum products was maintained during the lockdown period. Government as a pro-poor initiative announced a scheme for providing upto 3 (three) free of cost

LPG refills to Ujjwala 1.0 beneficiaries with effect from 01.04.2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) with a total budgetary support of Rs. 13,500 crores (approx.).The scheme ended on 31.12.2020 and the beneficiaries availed a total of 14.17 crore LPG refills under the said scheme.

(d): The year-wise average retail selling prices (RSP) of petrol, diesel and domestic LPG at Delhi during last five years is given as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Petrol</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Domestic LPG RSP</b>
	<b>Rs./Litre</b>		<b>Rs./14.2 Kg cylinder</b>
2016-17	64.61	53.24	549.69
2017-18	69.20	58.78	653.46
2018-19	75.37	68.22	768.12
2019-20	72.69	65.78	694.73
2020-21	80.84	73.58	695.15
2021-22 (till 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)	94.59	84.83	821.75

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