GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2538 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2021

Average LPG refill consumption of PMUY beneficiaries

2538 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether average LPG refill consumption of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries has been falling, the State-wise details of the last three years and the reasons therefor:
- (b) whether measures have been taken by Ministry to encourage refill, the quantum of subsidies given through the PMUY scheme, the State-wise details thereof,
- (c) the fraction of total PMUY beneficiaries currently availing of 5kg cylinders, steps taken to increase the coverage of these small cylinders; and
- (d) whether Ministry is implementing the proposal by Consumer Affairs Ministry to distribute 5 Kg cylinders through fair price shops using ePoS, details of the implementation status?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No Sir. State/UT-wise details of average refill consumption of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for the year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are at **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) The Government has taken several steps to encourage better consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries, which include deferment of loan recovery from subsidy amount, swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg to reduce upfront cash outgo, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection(DBC), conducting Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat to convince the beneficiaries to use LPG on sustained basis, mass awareness camps, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Package from April to December 2020 etc. Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have released 7.88 lakh 5 Kg connections to PMUY beneficiaries. Apart from this, 7.1 lakh PMUY beneficiaries have availed the swapping facility and shifted to 5 kg cylinder.
- (d) As per the Targeted Public Distribution System(TPDS) Control Order 2015, the licenses to the Fair Price Shop(FPS) owners are issued by the respective State Governments/UTs keeping in view the viability of the FPSs and they are empowered to allow sale of commodities other than the food grains distributed under the TPDS at the FPS to improve the viability of fair price operations. Accordingly, the States of Maharashtra, Goa and Rajasthan have already allowed the FPSs to sell Mini LPG cylinders. Department of Food and Public Distribution has further provided a common meeting ground to States/UTs and the Oil Marketing Companies to take the initiative of sale of Mini LPG Cylinders at FPS, forward.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2538 to be answered on 20.12.2021 regarding "Average LPG refill consumption of PMUY beneficiaries" by Shri Sushil Kumar Modi.

State/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Andaman & Nicobar	4.86	3.85	5.45
Andhra Pradesh	3.16	3.15	4.82
Arunachal Pradesh	5.07	3.83	4.83
Assam	2.73	2.37	3.49
Bihar	3.17	3.38	4.73
Chandigarh	5.82	6.05	7.45
Chhattisgarh	1.34	1.37	2.57
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman &			
Diu	2.56	2.86	4.08
Delhi	12.06	7.91	8.12
Goa	3.77	3.82	5.22
Gujarat	3.63	3.94	4.92
Haryana	6.11	5.25	6.10
Himachal Pradesh	4.43	3.66	5.21
Jammu & Kashmir (Incl Ladakh)	2.87	2.43	3.49
Jharkhand	2.43	2.25	3.48
Karnataka	3.34	3.50	5.09
Kerala	3.91	3.43	4.99
Lakshadweep	3.56	3.22	4.14
Madhya Pradesh	2.24	2.21	3.48
Maharashtra	3.12	3.17	4.77
Manipur	4.79	4.56	5.50
Meghalaya	3.29	2.44	3.33
Mizoram	6.69	4.69	6.22
Nagaland	4.53	3.01	4.27
Odisha	2.42	2.29	3.98
Pondicherry	6.53	5.25	6.67
Punjab	5.19	4.13	5.74
Rajasthan	3.09	3.14	4.36
Sikkim	4.76	5.14	5.41
Tamil Nadu	3.90	3.30	4.89
Telangana	3.38	2.81	4.18
Tripura	3.04	2.37	3.79
Uttar Pradesh	3.34	3.50	4.80
Uttarakhand	4.44	4.22	5.45
West Bengal	2.73	2.80	4.59