

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3652
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th APRIL, 2022**

Strategies to maximise results of Ujjwala yojana

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

- (a) the number of people who have benefitted from the Ujjwala yojana scheme as of now;
- (b) the challenges faced in the implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) the strategies being used by Government to maximise results and cover more areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in the country in 2016 to provide deposit free LPG connections to women members of poor households. A total of 9 crore households have been benefitted from PMUY as on 01.03.2022.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) initially faced challenges in identification of eligible households, low awareness on usefulness of LPG, limited distribution network etc. The steps taken to ensure that all households in the country have access to clean cooking fuels inter alia include provision of 5 kg cylinders, option to apply online for new connection of PMUY and release of e-subscription vouchers, organizing LPG panchayats and public awareness campaigns involving State/UT Governments, expansion of distributor network and bottling infrastructure etc. Further, the Government has extended Ujjwala 2.0 in January, 2022 to release additional 60 lakh LPG connections.