

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2544**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**PMUY in Tamil Nadu**

2544 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme is applicable nationwide and State-wise also and requires extensive dissemination, and a proposed fresh target to add 10 million more PMUY beneficiaries to the existing 80 million, if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is committed to create smoke-free environment in rural areas and if so, number of gas connections sanctioned and number of beneficiaries under PMUY in Tamil Nadu for the last five years, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (c) the measures Government is going to take to implement the scheme in tribal areas?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) In order to provide clean and environment friendly cooking fuel to poor households, especially in rural areas, the Government had launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in May 2016 across the country including the tribal areas of Tamil Nadu. The primary objective of the PMUY is to provide access to clean cooking fuel LPG to poor households thereby protecting their health by reducing the serious health hazards associated with use of conventional cooking fuel such as firewood, coal, cow dung etc. which cause severe indoor household air pollution. Use of LPG as cooking fuel frees women from the drudgery of collecting firewood, reduces time spent on cooking and prevents deforestation.

Government and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have taken several steps to disseminate the scheme, which include organising LPG panchayat, social media campaign, public events for distribution of connections, public awareness campaigns etc.

The Government achieved the target to distribute 8 crore connections under the Scheme in September, 2019, 7 months ahead of target date of completion. Further, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August, 2021 and the initial target to release 1 crore connections was achieved in January, 2022. The Government extended the Scheme to release additional 60 lakh LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and OMCs have released total 1.45 crore LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 as on 01.08.2022. Out of total 9.44 crore of PMUY beneficiaries, more than 33 % beneficiaries belong to SC/ST. District-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years are given at **Annexure**.

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## Annexure

| Annexure referred to part (a) to (c) of Unstarred Rajys Sabha Parliament Question No. 2544 to be answered on 08.08.2022 asked by Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar regarding "PMUY in Tamil Nadu" |   |                 |                  |                 |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| District  | District-wise and Year-wise connections released under PMUY in Tamil Nadu |                 |                  |                 |                 |
|   | 2016-17   | 2017-18         | 2018-19          | 2019-20         | 2021-22         |
| Ariyalur  | 7,379   | 8,419           | 25,979           | 1,941           | 8,254           |
| Coimbatore  | 4,940   | 10,621          | 23,137           | 1,339           | 1,507           |
| Kanniyakumari   | 6,594   | 12,624          | 47,345           | 958             | 3,197           |
| Chennai   | 631   | 2,805           | 24,532           | 212             | 197             |
| Madurai   | 5,001   | 32,644          | 85,753           | 3,662           | 10,459          |
| The Nilgiris  | 964   | 969             | 9,104            | 445             | 2,704           |
| Vellore   | 10,776  | 54,967          | 1,80,095         | 2,427           | 1,207           |
| PUDUKKOTTAI   | 15,327  | 34,106          | 88,068           | 2,334           | 16,056          |
| Ramanathapuram  | 6,758   | 18,062          | 1,15,551         | 1,218           | 487             |
| Salem   | 13,741  | 47,924          | 92,951           | 4,044           | 7,313           |
| Dharmapuri  | 6,430   | 24,383          | 45,439           | 4,402           | 12,441          |
| Thanjavur   | 12,559  | 17,240          | 61,600           | 4,007           | 12,697          |
| TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI   | 5,099   | 29,443          | 79,819           | 4,464           | 9,520           |
| Thiruvallur   | 6,691   | 19,700          | 77,515           | 1,571           | 1,805           |
| Tiruvannamalai  | 9,355   | 37,736          | 1,34,573         | 6,487           | 4,110           |
| Cuddalore   | 19,537  | 57,342          | 1,52,192         | 734             | 5,471           |
| Viluppuram  | 44,337  | 31,751          | 1,37,847         | 8,976           | 10,617          |
| Kancheepuram  | 15,021  | 30,510          | 69,606           | 959             | 1,610           |
| Perambalur  | 916   | 14,865          | 16,155           | 550             | 5,566           |
| Thoothukkudi  | 9,939   | 25,442          | 55,251           | 2,123           | 2,335           |
| Tirunelveli   | 9,716   | 30,707          | 86,114           | 1,640           | 2,139           |
| Virudhunagar  | 6,176   | 25,871          | 62,797           | 1,881           | 4,227           |
| Theni   | 3,924   | 14,731          | 28,585           | 2,482           | 4,377           |
| DINDIGUL  | 649   | 27,547          | 85,624           | 3,188           | 9,125           |
| Sivaganga   | 770   | 10,848          | 38,575           | 5,951           | 6,833           |
| Karur   | 1,612   | 11,407          | 25,353           | 808             | 5,442           |
| THIRUVARUR  | 21,594  | 9,852           | 39,726           | 9,639           | 11,443          |
| Nagapattinam  | 7,270   | 20,038          | 44,455           | 8,657           | 7,599           |
| Erode   | 3,206   | 21,928          | 49,998           | 2,961           | 8,397           |
| Namakkal  | 7,259   | 27,747          | 59,267           | 4,129           | 6,438           |
| Krishnagiri   | 6,767   | 24,821          | 54,241           | 5,071           | 5,554           |
| Tiruppur  | 1,811   | 8,252           | 26,545           | 1,114           | 4,561           |
| Chengalpattu  | N/A - New Districts formed  |                 |                  |                 | 6,398           |
| Kallakurichi  |   |                 |                  |                 | 5,479           |
| Tirupathur  |   |                 |                  |                 | 1,041           |
| Ranipet   |   |                 |                  |                 | 1,354           |
| Tenkasi   |   |                 |                  |                 | 2,620           |
| MAYILADUTHURAI  |   |                 |                  |                 | 3,645           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2,72,749</b>   | <b>7,45,302</b> | <b>21,23,792</b> | <b>1,00,374</b> | <b>1,93,688</b> |

**Note : PMUY was not operational during 2020-21.**

**Source :- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. on behalf of Oil Marketing Companies.**