

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 456

ANSWERED ON 06/02/2023

Continuous hike in LPG prices

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of domestic and commercial LPG were hiked since 2019;
- (b) if so, the reasons for continuous hike in the prices of cooking gas by Government;
- (c) whether this step of Government would put an additional burden on the general public; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to roll back this increase in the prices of gas with immediate effect and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d): The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Domestic (14.2 kg) and Commercial (19 kg) LPG cylinders during the last five years are given as under:

Year	Domestic LPG RSP* (Rs./14.2 Kg cylinder)	Commercial LPG RSP* (Rs./19 Kg cylinder)
	Delhi	IOCL prices for Delhi
2019	706.50	1176.50
2020	744.00	1285.50
2021	809.00	1641.00
2022	949.50	2253.00
As on 01.02.2023	1053.00	1769.00

*Prices are as on 01st April of the year

Source: IOCL

The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. The average Saudi CP prices on which the domestic LPG prices are based, increased from US\$ 454/MT to US\$ 693/MT during 2019-20 to 2021-22. During 2022-23 the average Saudi CP has further risen to US\$ 710 /MT till February 2023. While for domestic LPG, Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumers, prices of commercial LPG are set by LPG marketing companies independently. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have suffered huge losses on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate these losses, the Government has recently approved a one-time compensation of Rs. 22000 crore to OMCs.

Government has started a targeted subsidy of Rs.200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for year 2022-23 w.e.f. 21st May, 2022.