## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2063 ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023

### ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER UJJWALA YOJANA IN TAMIL NADU

#### 2063 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

(a) the features of the Ujjwala Scheme;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated, and utilized under this scheme in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the target set;

(d) the achievements made so far along with its response in Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether Government is proposing to make some amendments under this scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

#### ANSWER

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

(a) to (g) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with an objective to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households across the country. Under PMUY, a deposit free LPG connection is provided in the name of adult woman member of poor households. The target to release 8 crore connections under PMUY Phase-I was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 with a target to release 1 crore additional PMUY connections, which was achieved in January 2022. Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and the target of 1.60 crore under Ujjwala 2.0 connections was achieved in December, 2022.

The beneficiaries are identified either from Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list or from seven other identified categories such as Scheduled Caste(SC) Households, Scheduled Tribe(ST) Households, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana (Gramin), Beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, Resident of islands/ river islands, Tea garden / ex-tea garden workers or Poor households not covered under the above categories. Under Ujjwala 2.0, special provision has been made for Migrant Families to avail new connection using Self-Declaration instead of Proof of Address (PoA) and Ration Card (RC). PMUY beneficiaries have an option to choose from 14.2kg Single Bottle Connection(SBC)/ 5kg SBC/ 5kg Double Bottle Connection(DBC). Further, 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 for year 2022-23 and 2023-24.

No State/UT wise allocation of funds is done under PMUY. Under PMUY, Government bears an expenditure of upto Rs 1600 per connection for Security Deposit (SD) of Cylinder, Pressure Regulator, Suraksha Hose, DGCC booklet and installation charges. Year-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years are as under :-

| 2020-21  | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
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| No connection has been released during this period | 214225  | 257068  |