

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1728
ANSWERED ON 18/12/2023

LPG cylinder at the rate of ` 450

1728 Shri Javed Ali Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government has recently announced to provide LPG cylinders at the rate of ` 450/- per cylinder in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is actively considering to provide LPG cylinders at the rate of ` 450/- across the country including the State of UP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): No Sir. There has been no such announcement by Government of India in Rajasthan.

India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Prices of LPG in the country are linked to its price in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. During the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in the international prices was not fully passed on to the customers due to which the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) suffered under recoveries of approximately Rs. 28,000 crore on sale of domestic LPG. To compensate this, the Government approved a one-time compensation of Rs. 22,000 crore to OMCs in FY 2022-23.

Government has reduced the effective price of domestic LPG by Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder with effect from 30th August, 2023. W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government had been providing a budgetary support for targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Moreover, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, the targeted subsidy has been further increased to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries. As on 01.12.2023, the effective price of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers is Rs. 603 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder (in Delhi).