

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1568

ANSWERED ON 05/08/2024

INCREASE IN LPG PRICES

1568 SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) the reasons for increasing the retail price of LPG periodically despite decline in crude oil prices;
- (b) whether the subsidy component is likely to be increased under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) keeping in view the periodical rise in the price of LPG and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of LPG connections provided, deposit free, during the last five years in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the total number of LPG connections issued under PMUY Phase-2 in the country till now, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) & (b): India imports about 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Prices of LPG in the country are not based on crude oil prices; they are linked to Saudi CP, benchmark for LPG pricing 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 went up from \$415 per MT to \$712 per MT. However, the increase in the international prices was not fully passed on to the consumers.

Under PAHAL Scheme, the domestic LPG cylinders are sold at non-subsidised price and the applicable subsidy to the consumers is transferred directly into their bank accounts. Apart from the direct subsidy to consumers, the OMCs have also been compensated Rs 22,000 crore in FY 2022-23 by Government of India to cover the under-recoveries suffered by them in not passing on the high international LPG prices to the domestic LPG consumers.

Government reduced the retail selling price of domestic LPG for all consumers by Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder with effect from 30th August, 2023. Government further reduced the RSP of domestic LPG by Rs. 100 per 14.2 Kg cylinder w.e.f. 9th March, 2024. The current RSP of domestic LPG at Delhi is Rs. 803 per 14.2 Kg cylinder.

W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has been providing a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year. Moreover, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries. With a targeted subsidy of Rs. 300 per cylinder (and proportionately prorated for 5 Kg cylinder), effective cost for PMUY consumers is Rs. 503 per 14.2 Kg cylinder (at Delhi) currently.

(c) & (d): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in 2016 to provide deposit free LPG connections to women members of poor households and the target to provide 8 crore LPG connections under the Scheme was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021. Till December 2022, 1.6 crore connections were released under Ujjwala 2.0. In September 2023, Government approved release of 75 lakh additional connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and the target was achieved in July 2024. As on 30.07.2024, there are 10.33 crore LPG connections under PMUY including 2.35 crore under Ujjwala 2.0. State-wise details of PMUY beneficiaries during the last five years and current year (till 30.07.2024) are at Annexure.

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Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1568 asked by Shri Raghav Chadha to be answered on 05.08.2024 regarding “Increase in LPG prices”.

State/UT-wise and year-wise details of LPG connections released under PMUY

State/UT	2019-20	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (Till 30.07.2024)
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4,547	811	46	383	1
Andhra Pradesh	49,262	25,222	95,672	4,55,997	2,621
Arunachal Pradesh	5,384	3,457	1,514	4,544	4
Assam	6,48,961	5,11,073	4,24,243	6,77,955	7,889
Bihar	6,43,107	16,13,210	6,39,296	8,85,019	11,384
Chandigarh	-	5	569	1,366	0
Chhattisgarh	2,96,736	3,73,735	1,44,003	2,93,324	16,620
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	644	39	14	2,795	62
Delhi	3,058	22,638	43,594	1,14,936	2,985
Goa	10	-	141	692	0
Gujarat	3,79,993	5,40,537	4,06,881	4,62,062	4,881
Haryana	50,472	13,675	29,097	3,45,912	2,301
Himachal Pradesh	23,048	2,058	2,525	10,089	14
Jammu and Kashmir	1,88,317	9,415	7,110	25,324	307
Jharkhand	3,56,981	2,19,486	1,74,072	2,49,411	1,816
Karnataka	3,23,478	3,28,275	2,93,751	3,91,934	603
Kerala	46,379	44,456	40,802	46,564	83
Ladakh	745	28	1	2	0
Lakshadweep	-	10	14	61	0
Madhya Pradesh	7,08,815	7,95,859	2,92,462	6,05,761	15,611
Maharashtra	3,64,878	2,81,997	1,94,467	3,27,823	2,754
Manipur	26,221	22,025	23,691	22,970	129
Meghalaya	10,433	22,628	41,847	1,01,774	1,315
Mizoram	2,337	1,523	3,962	2,436	5
Nagaland	5,738	21,977	14,956	30,324	48
Odisha	5,14,096	4,55,549	1,37,729	2,26,972	2,773
Puducherry	203	655	616	4,485	0
Punjab	15,256	17,132	48,514	75,928	0
Rajasthan	6,73,000	2,64,503	3,10,247	4,51,692	7,100
Sikkim	954	3,707	1,341	6,116	27
Tamil Nadu	1,00,374	2,14,225	2,57,068	3,97,716	1,893
Telangana	1,48,480	40,198	41,845	32,890	311
Tripura	33,495	5,827	11,673	31,959	1,075
Uttar Pradesh	17,93,397	20,00,914	7,98,372	10,90,440	6,116
Uttarakhand	51,645	46,778	48,157	33,756	82
West Bengal	7,94,376	20,96,373	14,69,708	6,107	1,436

Note: No connection was issued in 2020-21 under PMUY.

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