

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 69
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

LPG CYLINDERS AT ₹ 450/-

*69 SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is providing LPG cylinders at the rate of ₹ 450/- per cylinder in some of the States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would provide LPG cylinders at the rate of ₹ 450/- per cylinder to consumers in every States of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 69 FOR REPLY ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING LPG CYLINDERS AT ₹ 450/-ASKED BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

(a) to (e): India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. Average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 64% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 632 /MT in November 2024) while on the other hand effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG reduced in India by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in November 2024).

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs 803 in Delhi. After a targeted subsidy of Rs 300/cylinder to PMUY consumers, Government of India is providing 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders at an effective price of Rs.503 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country. A few State Governments are providing some additional subsidy on LPG refills and bear the additional cost from their respective budgets.

Globally, PMUY is the biggest program of its kind that provides Domestic LPG to more than 100 million poor households at an effective price of just about Rs. 35/Kg. Further, the effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighbouring countries as on 01.11.2024 is as below:

(In Indian Rupees)

Country	Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2 kg. cyl.)#
India	503.00*
Pakistan	1095.41
Sri Lanka	1211.24
Nepal	1209.21

#Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

*Effective cost to PMUY beneficiaries in Delhi, effective price is Rs. 803 for non-PMUY consumers

Further, as a result of various steps taken by Government to improve access and affordability of domestic LPG for PMUY consumers, per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.68 (FY 2021-22) to 3.95 in FY 2023-24, and 4.34 in FY 2024-25 (upto October 2024).PMUY consumption has witnessed a growth of 24.3% during Oct 2024 vis-à-vis October 2023 (Total PMUY consumption has risen from 459TMT to 570.7 TMT during this period).
