

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21 DECEMBER, 2023

Prices of various Petroleum Products

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether prices of various petroleum products have increased during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, product-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that prices of LPG are beyond the reach of common man in cities as well as in rural areas of the country, if so, the facts and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the aims and objectives of Ujjwala Yojana in the country;
- (d) whether consumers of Ujjwala Yojana are facing difficulties to continue with the Scheme;
- (e) if so, the extent to which Ujjwala Yojana has so far been able to obtain its objectives in the country;
- (f) the number of Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries and the number out of them who are regularly refilling their LPG in various States, State/UT-wise including Odisha and Maharashtra; and
- (g) the details of the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): Prices of petrol and diesel are market determined and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel. While crude oil prices (Indian basket) increased from \$73.30/bbl (December 2021) to \$112.87/bbl (March 2022) and further to \$116.01 (June 2022) and continue to remain highly volatile, OMCs have not increased/revised prices since 6th April 2022. Excise duty reductions were done in November 2021 and May 2022 of Rs. 13/litre and Rs. 16/litre on petrol and diesel respectively and these were fully passed on to consumers. Some state governments also reduced state VAT to provide relief to citizens.

Government of India also took several other steps to insulate common citizens from high international prices, which include diversifying the crude import basket, windfall taxes on export of petroleum products, invoking the provisions of Universal Service Obligation to ensure availability of petrol & diesel in domestic market, increasing the blending of ethanol in petrol, etc.

The details of Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of petrol and diesel at Delhi since April 2021 are given below:

(Rs./Litre)		
Price as on	RSP of Petrol	RSP of Diesel
01-Apr-21	90.56	80.87
01-Apr-22	101.81	93.07
01-Apr-23	96.72	89.62
01-Dec-23	96.72	89.62

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

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.

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). The details of Retail Selling Prices of domestic LPG at Delhi since April 2021 are given below:

(Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder)		
Price as on	RSP of Domestic LPG at Delhi	Effective cost for PMUY beneficiaries at Delhi
01-Apr-21	809.00	809.00
01-Apr-22	949.50	949.50
01-Apr-23	1103.00	903.00
01-Dec-23	903.00	603.00

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

(c) to (f): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with the objective of providing access to clean cooking fuel to poor households in the country according to a defined criteria. Under PMUY, deposit free LPG connections are provided to adult women from poor households. More than 100.85 crore refills have been taken by PMUY beneficiaries in the last 3 years alone. LPG consumption of PMUY beneficiaries is monitored on regular basis. Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on several factors like food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, availability of alternate fuels etc. Per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries (in terms of no. of 14.2 kg LPG cylinders taken per year) has increased from 3.01 (FY 2019-20) to 3.71 (FY 2022-23).

Further, the Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG, which include targeted subsidy of ₹ 300/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year for PMUY beneficiaries, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle Connection (DBC), swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package from April 2020 to December 2020 etc.

State-wise details of PMUY beneficiaries as on 30.09.2023 are given at **Annexure-I**. The details of State/UT-wise number of Ujjwala beneficiaries along with the details of beneficiaries who have taken at least one refill during FY 2022-23 including that of Odisha and Maharashtra during are at **Annexure-II**.

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Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3119 asked by Shri Chandra Sekhar Sahu, Shri Rahul Ramesh Shewale and Dr. Pritam Gopinathrao Munde to be answered on 21.12.2023 regarding “Prices of various Petroleum Products”

State/UT	Number of PMUY beneficiaries as on 30.09.2023
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,444
Andhra Pradesh	5,12,433
Arunachal Pradesh	49,245
Assam	44,14,012
Bihar	1,07,35,289
Chandigarh	659
Chhattisgarh	34,92,160
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	15,033
Delhi	1,42,024
Goa	1,265
Gujarat	38,42,970
Haryana	7,67,162
Himachal Pradesh	1,40,776
Jammu and Kashmir	12,45,232
Jharkhand	36,46,176
Karnataka	37,57,307
Kerala	3,41,210
Ladakh	11,094
Lakshadweep	309
Madhya Pradesh	82,27,217
Maharashtra	48,89,709
Manipur	2,02,029
Meghalaya	2,14,851
Mizoram	33,595
Nagaland	91,806
Odisha	53,20,752
Puducherry	14,835
Punjab	12,83,827
Rajasthan	69,26,442
Sikkim	13,795
Tamil Nadu	37,03,824
Telangana	11,52,806
Tripura	2,83,503
Uttar Pradesh	1,75,00,658
Uttarakhand	4,96,431
West Bengal	1,23,70,935

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis

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State/UT	Number of Connections released under PMUY as on 30.09.2023	Number of beneficiaries taken at least one refill during FY 2022-23
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13,444	12,322
Andhra Pradesh	5,12,433	4,80,796
Arunachal Pradesh	49,245	41,157
Assam	44,14,012	33,69,374
Bihar	1,07,35,289	96,76,834
Chandigarh	659	650
Chhattisgarh	34,92,160	22,40,600
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	15,033	14,989
Delhi	1,42,024	1,37,101
Goa	1,265	1,212
Gujarat	38,42,970	36,00,026
Haryana	7,67,162	7,28,902
Himachal Pradesh	1,40,776	1,26,300
Jammu and Kashmir	12,45,232	11,14,033
Jharkhand	36,46,176	27,75,900
Karnataka	37,57,307	35,57,042
Kerala	3,41,210	3,17,098
Ladakh	11,094	10,651
Lakshadweep	309	283
Madhya Pradesh	82,27,217	69,21,334
Maharashtra	48,89,709	46,14,148
Manipur	2,02,029	1,85,252
Meghalaya	2,14,851	1,61,304
Mizoram	33,595	30,558
Nagaland	91,806	75,643
Odisha	53,20,752	45,14,441
Puducherry	14,835	15,136
Punjab	12,83,827	11,93,768
Rajasthan	69,26,442	65,97,838
Sikkim	13,795	11,339
Tamil Nadu	37,03,824	34,33,681
Telangana	11,52,806	10,79,090
Tripura	2,83,503	1,78,702
Uttar Pradesh	1,75,00,658	1,58,28,442
Uttarakhand	4,96,431	4,53,227
West Bengal	1,23,70,935	1,05,81,956

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis