

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG Connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

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

- (a) the norms/criteria laid down to provide gas connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and the number of free of cost connections provided to BPL families under PMUY and CSR scheme of Oil Marketing Companies since its inception, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the target to provide gas connection to every BPL/poor household particularly in those States/UT where LPG coverage is less than the national coverage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to increase the LPG coverage and remove the shortfall across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether LPG distributors have requested the Government not to exert pressure on them to provide connection under PMUY citing serious safety and security concerns involved in implementing and providing LPG connections under the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with safety parameters prescribed by the Government for installing an LPG connection to BPL families under PMUY;
- (e) the number of cases of BPL beneficiaries identified who have been reportedly deprived of availing the benefits of the scheme due to wrong filing of data entry and other reasons and the action taken by the Government to rectify the data and provide connection to the intended beneficiary, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the number of people who have voluntarily given up the LPG subsidy so far, State/UTwise, including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Eligible beneficiaries under PMUY are identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census(SECC) 2011 data. The LPG connection is released in the name of an adult woman of the BPL family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection should exist in the name of any family member of the household. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released to BPL families under PMUY Scheme and CSR fund Scheme of Oil Marketing Companies as on 01.02.2017 since inception are as Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. The release of LPG connections under CSR fund of oil PSUs has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2016.
- (b) & (c) Under PMUY, a target of 1.5 crore for release of new LPG connections to BPL households was fixed for the Financial Year 2016-17. As on 01.02.2017, 1.66 crore new LPG connections were released across the country and number of connections released to State/UTs having LPG coverage less than the national coverage is at Annexure-III. Priority is given to such States/UTs having LPG coverage less than the national average i.e. 61 % as on 01.01.2016.
- (d) OMCs have given instructions to their distributors to release LPG connections after satisfying and meeting all the safety norms for installation of LPG connections.
- (e) Under the PMUY Scheme, eligible families are identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census(SECC) 2011 data. LPG connections are released in the name of adult woman of the BPL family after doing necessary de-duplication. Instances of non-inclusion of names in the SECC List have been brought to the notice of Ministry of Rural Development for taking necessary remedial action.
- (f) As on 29.01.2017, 1,05,46,090 LPG consumers have voluntarily given up/ surrendered LPG subsidy across country including State of Karnataka. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure-IV
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