

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DBTL Scheme

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

- (a) the total amount of savings due to implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG scheme across the country, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the salient features/ methodology of the said scheme;
- (c) the total savings from voluntarily giving up of LPG subsidy by LPG consumers during the said period, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) the number of new LPG connections provided to BPL families provided during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the total funds provided/spent for extending LPG connections in rural areas during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) LPG consumers, who join the PAHAL scheme, get the LPG cylinders at non-subsidised price and receive LPG subsidy (as per their entitlement) directly into their registered bank accounts. LPG consumers are required to become Cash Transfer Compliant (CTC) after seeding their bank accounts and Aadhaar number to receive LPG subsidy in their registered bank account under PAHAL Scheme. The main objectives of the Scheme are to eliminate supply chain leakages and unauthorised usage by curbing multiple connections by way of Aadhaar based de-duplication.

The total subsidy/under recovery on domestic LPG since 2013-14 is as under :

(Rs. Crore)

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

52247

40569

16074

12133

Lower subsidy during the successive years is due to various factors, including introduction of direct transfer of subsidies into the accounts of consumers (PAHAL Scheme), fall in international crude oil prices and "GiveItUp" campaign. (d) State/UT-wise details of LPG connections released to BPL families under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) Scheme as on 12.07.2017 is at Annexure-I and CSR connections released under CSR fund scheme is at Annexure-II. The release of LPG connections under CSR fund of oil PSUs has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2016.

(e) Under the PMUY Scheme, during Financial Year 2016-17, Rs. 2500 crore was spent. During the first quarter of Financial Year 2017-18, Rs. 800 crore (approx.) has been spent against the budget provision of Rs. 2500 crore. In addition, Rs. 1100.43 crore was spent on releasing connections through utilising CSR funds of Oil PSUs.
