

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st JANUARY 2018
IMPLEMENTATION OF PMUY

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the time by which all BPL households are likely to be provided LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in a time bound manner, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (b) whether cooking gas distributors reportedly charge excess than stipulated amount in lieu of connection provided under PMUY in the country and if so, the details thereof along with number of complaints received in this regard, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed to provide LPG connections under PMUY over the next two years in the country including Karnataka and Gujarat and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether many problems have been reported/noticed by the Government in implementation of PMUY in the country if so, the details thereof and the natures of such difficulties faced by the Government and action taken to remove these hurdles in a time bound manner, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide LPG connection to those eligible beneficiaries in case their name does not appear/has not been included in SECC 2011?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a), (c) & (e) The Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to provide 5 crore deposit free new LPG connections to the women belonging to the poor households identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011, over a period of three years starting from Financial Year 2016-17. As on 27.12.2017, Public Sector Oil

Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 3.24 crore LPG connections under PMUY against the target of 5 crore.

(b) Under PMUY, cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing new LPG connection by the Government. The beneficiary bears the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. The beneficiary has option to take Hot Plate or the first refill or both on loan basis, from OMCs at zero interest rate and the same is recovered through subsidy received by the beneficiary as and when refill is purchased.

OMCs closely monitor the release of PMUY connections to ensure transparency and fairness. OMCs take punitive action under the prevailing Marketing Discipline Guidelines(MDG)/ Distributorship Agreement against LPG distributors in case any irregularity is found.

(d) Implementation of PMUY is monitored closely in terms of number of beneficiaries identified through SECC list and the actual number of connections released vis-a-vis LPG coverage in States/Districts. The difficulties faced by OMCs mainly relate to identification of SECC households, difficult terrain, low awareness on usefulness of LPG etc. The Government has taken up the matter with concerned State Governments. Further, OMCs have launched awareness programme through print and electronic media highlighting the benefit of usage of LPG.
