

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 287  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019**

Beneficiaries under PMUY

†287. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:  
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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the State-wise number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) including the cost of Gas cylinder, regulator and pipe, item-wise since inception of the said scheme;
- (b) the number of such beneficiaries under PMUY who have got refilled their fourth, fifth gas cylinder during the last four years;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to know the reasons behind the beneficiaries not refilling their gas cylinders regularly and if so, the details thereof along with the number of times these beneficiaries have returned for a LPG refill during the last four years;
- (d) whether a study or survey was conducted by Research Institute for Compassionate Economics, which pointed out 90 percent of the total beneficiaries of Ujjwala still use conventional firewood and cowdung for cooking and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is also a fact that people are suffering from the upfront cost and the delay in receipt of the subsidy for each purchase and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the said issue?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), a deposit free LPG connection is provided to an adult woman member of a poor family with cash assistance upto ₹ 1600 per connection which includes security deposit of cylinder, security deposit of Pressure Regulator, Suraksha Hose, Installation/demonstration charges and cost of issue of DGCC booklet. Beneficiaries are required to make payment towards purchase of refill and the Hot plate (Stove). As on 19.06.2019, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have

released more than 7.23 crore new LPG connections under PMUY. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

- (b) OMCs have reported that till May 2019, 1.67 crore and 1.45 crore PMUY beneficiaries have purchased the refilled LPG cylinders 4 and 5 times respectively.
- (c)&(d) OMCs have reported that surveys/studies have been conducted by some Agencies/Institutes/Organizations involving PMUY beneficiaries. OMCs have also reported that nearly 86% of PMUY beneficiaries who are at least one year old have returned for the second refill. Adoption and use of LPG on sustained basis by a beneficiary of PMUY involves behavioural change. The use of LPG by PMUY beneficiary household depends on several factors which include food habits, cooking habits, price of LPG, availability of free firewood, cow dung etc.
- (e) The PMUY beneficiaries get subsidy under PAHAL Scheme. The applicable subsidy is directly transferred into the bank account of beneficiaries. Direct transfer of subsidy aids in right targeting of the beneficiary and prevent diversion.

## Annexure

Annexure referred to part (a) in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 287 for 24.06.2019 regarding "Beneficiaries under PMUY" by Shri Deepak Bajaj and other

## State/UT-wise LPG connections released as on 19.06.2019 under PMUY

S.No	State/UT	Connections released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7,856
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,46,454
3	Arunachal Pradesh	39,437
4	Assam	28,66,597
5	Bihar	79,29,510
6	Chandigarh	88
7	Chhattisgarh	26,91,007
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14,157
9	Daman and Diu	423
10	Delhi	73,808
11	Goa	1,074
12	Gujarat	25,46,866
13	Haryana	6,84,155
14	Himachal Pradesh	1,13,925
15	Jammu and Kashmir	10,80,810
16	Jharkhand	29,01,475
17	Karnataka	28,34,163
18	Kerala	2,12,381
19	Lakshadweep	287
20	Madhya Pradesh	64,70,761
21	Maharashtra	40,86,878
22	Manipur	1,30,036

23	Meghalaya	1,41,486
24	Mizoram	25,962
25	Nagaland	49,732
26	Odisha	42,52,175
27	Puducherry	13,400
28	Punjab	12,10,146
29	Rajasthan	57,59,887
30	Sikkim	7,812
31	Tamil Nadu	31,53,589
32	Telangana	9,36,974
33	Tripura	2,39,867
34	Uttar Pradesh	130,81,084
35	Uttarakhand	3,54,787
36	West Bengal	80,66,899
	Total	723,25,948