

## QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

### RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 412  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019  
Enhancing coverage under PMUY

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to enlarge/enhance coverage target and incentivise better performing districts under PMUY, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (b) the main features of PMUY along with targets fixed/achieved and the number of free gas connections provided to women under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated/utilised there under, State-wise; and
- (c) the State-wise number of complaints regarding distribution/delay in providing gas connection to BPL families under PMUY by Government till date along with the remedial action taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) was launched by the Government on 1st May 2016. The initial target under PMUY was 5 crore LPG connections, which was subsequently enhanced to 8 crore. As on 01.02.2019, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 6.31 crore LPG connections under the Scheme across the country.

(b) The main features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana(PMUY) Scheme are as under :-

- (i) LPG connection is released in the name of an adult woman of the poor family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the family, including the applicant.
- (ii) Under PMUY, cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing deposit free LPG connection.

Year-wise details of targets fixed, achieved, fund allocated and fund utilised are as under :-

Financial Year Target Connections released Budget Estimates

(? in crore) Fund utilised

(? in crore)

2016-17 2 crore 2 crore 2500 2500

2017-18 2 crore 1.56 crore 2251 2251

2018-19 2 crore 2.75 crore (up to 01.02.2019) 3200 3200

2019-20 2 crore

(c) As per report of OMCs, there are a few cases of established irregularities in providing gas connections to poor households under PMUY. OMCs take punitive action as per the extant Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the Distributorship Agreement against LPG distributors in established cases of irregularities.

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