

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 80
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25 JULY, 2022**

Beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Yojana

80 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

Will the Minister of *Petroleum and Natural Gas* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Yojana are receiving Rs. 200 subsidy on cooking gas;
- (b) if so, the rationale behind fixing the subsidy at Rs. 200;
- (c) whether Government plans to reduce the subsidy under the PM Ujjwala Yojana and if so, by when and by what amount; and
- (d) whether there has been a drop in the purchase of refills by the beneficiaries after they had exhausted their first cylinder post getting free connections and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 80 asked by Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi to be answered on 25 July 2022 regarding “Beneficiaries under the PM Ujjwala Yojana”.

(a) to (c): Yes, sir. The prices of petroleum products in the country are linked to the price of respective products in the international market. India imports more than 55 % of its domestic LPG consumption. LPG prices are based on Saudi Contract Prices (CP) and Saudi CP has risen from 236 \$/MT in April 2020 to 952 \$/MT in April 2022, a rise of 303%.

To insulate LPG consumers from fluctuations in international markets, Government modulates the effective price of LPG. Further, to make LPG more affordable to PMUY consumers, the Government has started a subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg. domestic cylinder for PMUY consumers for up to 12 refills a year for 2022-23. The subsidy is targeted towards women of poorer households and has been fixed with reference to available fiscal space.

(d): Total number of refills and per capita consumption of PMUY consumers have shown a rising trend. Details of LPG refills and per capita consumption of PMUY beneficiaries for the last 4 years are as under:

Financial Year	Number of refills taken by PMUY beneficiaries in terms of 14.2 Kg refill	Per Capita consumption in terms of 14.2 Kg refills
2018-19	15.99 crore	3.00
2019-20	22.72 crore	3.01
2020-21*	35.11 crore	4.39
2021-22	31.26 crore	3.68

**Including 3 free refills for PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP)*