

OMC Compensation & PMUY Subsidy Extension

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The Union Cabinet approved budgetary support to public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to cover their losses from selling LPG cylinders below international prices in FY 2024-25.

It also continued the targeted LPG subsidy (through <u>Pratyaksh Hastantarit Labh (PAHAL)</u> DBT scheme) of Rs 300 per 14.2-kg cylinder under the <u>Pradhan Mantri Ujiwala Yojana</u> (<u>PMUY</u>) for up to 9 refills per year for FY 2025-26.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

- About: PMUY was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to provide clean cooking fuel (and removing traditional firewood & coal), specifically LPG, to rural and economically disadvantaged households.
- Ujjwala 2.0: Under <u>Ujjwala 2.0</u> (Phase 2), special provisions allow migrant families to obtain LPG connections using self-declaration instead of requiring Proof of Address or Ration Cards.
- Eligibility: Women aged 18+ from households without existing LPG connections, belonging
 to categories such as SC/ST, PM Awas Gramin, Most Backward Classes, AAY, tribal
 groups, forest dwellers, island residents, SECC-listed households, or other poor families.
- Key Benefits: Beneficiary households receive subsidy for cooking gas cylinders.
 - This has led to improved women's health by reducing indoor air pollution, decreased women's drudgery, environmental protection through less deforestation, and enhanced nutrition due to easier cooking with clean fuel.
- Achievements: As of July 2025, over 10.33 crore PMUY connections have been issued nationwide.
 - The average per capita LPG consumption among PMUY beneficiaries has risen around 49% between 2019 & 2024 reflecting increased LPG usage.

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