



Rs 450 Gas Cylinders to Ladli Behna Beneficiaries

Why in News?

The **Madhya Pradesh government** announced that beneficiaries of the [Ladli Behna scheme](#) will receive **gas cylinders** at a subsidized rate of **Rs 450** throughout the year.

Key Points

- **Scheme Background:** The **Ladli Behna scheme** was initially launched by former **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
- **Beneficiaries:** This subsidy is aimed at women beneficiaries, particularly those under the [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#).
 - Beneficiaries will receive **Rs 250** for the **Rakhi festival**.
 - In a written response to the Rajya Sabha, the **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** stated that the central government is providing a targeted subsidy of **Rs 200 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder** for beneficiaries of the **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**, applicable for up to **12 refills per year**.
 - The Centre increased the **targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder** for all **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** beneficiaries.

What is Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?

- **About:**
 - The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)**, introduced the '**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana**' (**PMUY**) as a flagship scheme with the objective of making **clean cooking fuel** such as **LPG** available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as **firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes** etc.
 - Usage of traditional cooking fuels had detrimental impacts on the health of rural women as well as on the environment.
- **Objectives:**
 - Empowering women and protecting their health.
 - Reducing the number of deaths in India due to unclean cooking fuel.
 - Preventing young children from a significant number of acute respiratory illnesses caused due to indoor air pollution by burning fossil fuel.