



Subsidy Extension for PMUY

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Why in News?

The Union Cabinet extended the subsidy of Rs 300 per 14.2-kg cylinder under the [Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#) for up to 12 refills per year till the end of 2024-25.

What is Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?

▪ About:

- In May 2016, the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY) to provide **clean cooking fuel** like LPG to rural and deprived households.
 - This aimed to replace traditional cooking fuels like firewood and coal, which had negative impacts on the health of rural women and the environment.
- Under [Ujjwala 2.0](#) (Phase-2 of PMUY), a special provision has been made for **Migrant Families to avail of new connections** using Self-Declaration instead of Proof of Address (PoA) and Ration Card (RC).

▪ PMUY Benefits:

- Government provides Rs. 1600 for a 14.2kg cylinder connection or Rs. 1150 for a 5kg cylinder.
- The PMUY provides a subsidy of Rs 300 per 14.2 kg cylinder of LPG to eligible beneficiaries. This subsidy is available for up to 12 refills per year and is credited directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts.
- PMUY beneficiaries receive the first LPG refill and stove (hotplate) free of cost from **Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)**.

▪ Phase-I Achievements: Target of 8 crore connections achieved by September 2019.

▪ Phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0): Launched in August 2021, the target of 1 crore additional connections achieved in January 2022.

- Subsequently, the Government decided to release 60 lakh more LPG connections under Ujjwala 2.0 and the target of 1.60 crore under Ujjwala 2.0 connections was achieved in December 2022. Thus taking overall connections under the scheme to 9.6 Crore.
- The Government of India has approved the release of an additional 75 lakh connections under the PMUY Scheme, taking the **overall target to 10.35 Crore, (10.2 Crore has been achieved as of 7th March 2024)**.

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Prelims

Q. According to India's National Policy on Biofuels, which of the following can be used as raw materials for the production of biofuels? (2020)

1. Cassava
2. Damaged wheat grains
3. Groundnut seeds
4. Horse gram
5. Rotten potatoes
6. Sugar beet

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 5 and 6 only
(b) 1, 3, 4 and 6 only
(c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Ans: (a)

Mains

Q. Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is the sine qua non to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).” Comment on the progress made in India in this regard. **(2018)**

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