

# Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) aims to safeguard the health of women & children by providing them with a clean cooking fuel – LPG, so that they don't have to compromise their health in smoky kitchens or wander in unsafe areas collecting firewood.

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 1st, 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. Under this scheme, **5 Cr LPG connections will be provided to BPL families with a support of ₹1600 per connection in the next 3 years.**

Ensuring women's empowerment, especially in rural India, the connections will be issued in the name of women of the households. **₹ 8000 Cr. has been allocated towards the implementation of the scheme. Identification of the BPL families will be done through Socio Economic Caste Census Data.**

**PMUY is likely to result in an additional employment of around 1 Lakh and provide business opportunity of at least ₹ 10,000 Cr. over the next 3 Years to the Indian Industry.** Launch of this scheme will also provide a great boost to the 'Make in India' campaign as all the manufacturers of cylinders, gas stoves, regulators, and gas hose are domestic.

**The launch of PMUY in Ballia was followed by launch of the scheme in Dahod in Gujarat by Petroleum Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan & BJP President Shri Amit Shah.** PMUY has also been launched in several districts in UP & Bihar.

## Target beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

Under the scheme, five crore LPG connections are to be provided to BPL households. The identification of eligible BPL families will be made in consultation with the State Governments and the Union Territories.

BPL is a person/ household who suffers from at least one deprivation under the Socio-Economic Caste census (SECC) - 2011 Database.

While the selection of beneficiaries would be from the BPL families only, preference would be given to SC/ST and weaker sections of society. While providing the new connections to BPL households, priority would be given to the States which have lower LPG coverage (compared to the national average) as on 1st Jan, 2016.

Release of LPG connection under this Scheme shall be in the name of the women belonging to the BPL family.

### The Government has also decided to cover the following categories under the Scheme :-

1. All SC/STs households beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana(PMAY) (Gramin)
2. Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY)
3. Forest dwellers
4. Most Backward Classes (MBC)
5. Tea & Ex-Tea Garden Tribes
6. People residing in Islands
7. People residing in river islands.

## Duration of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

The Scheme would be implemented over three years, namely, the FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 across the country.

### Benefits to the citizens

Under the scheme, five crore LPG connections are to be provided to BPL households. **The Scheme provides a financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.** The administrative cost of ₹ 1600 per connection, which includes a cylinder, pressure regulator, booklet, safety hose, etc. would be borne by the Government.

### Implementation modalities of the scheme

- A woman of the BPL household, which does not have access to LPG connection may apply for a new LPG connection (in the prescribed format) to the LPG distributor.
- While submitting the application form, the woman will submit details, like Address, Jandhan/ Bank Account and Aadhar number (if the Aadhar number is not available, steps would be taken in coordination with UIDAI for issue of Aadhar number to the woman of BPL household)
- The LPG Field officials will match the application against SECC - 2011 database and, after ascertaining their BPL status, enter the details (name, address etc) into a dedicated OMC Web portal through a login/ password given by the OMCs.
- OMCs will undertake electronically the de-duplication exercise and other measures for due diligence for a new LPG connection
- The connection shall be issued by the OMC to the eligible beneficiaries (after completion of various stages above).

## Important Terms related to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- **PMUY** – Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
- **AAY** – Antyoday Anna Yojana
- **PMAY** – Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- **LPG** – Liquid Petroleum Gas
- **OMC** – Oil Marketing Companies
- **SECC 2011** – Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011
- **BPL** – Below Poverty Line