

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

In order to provide clean cooking fuel to poor households, especially in rural areas, the Government has launched in May, 2016 Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to provide 8 crore deposit free LPG connections to women of poor households. Initially, the beneficiaries were identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data. Subsequently, the identification criteria were expanded and the beneficiaries were identified with seven identified categories in addition to SECC data. The scope of PMUY has now been expanded to cover all the poor families in the country subject to fulfilling terms and conditions. The main features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) Scheme are as under :-

- (i) LPG connection is released in the name of an adult woman of the poor family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the family, including the applicant.
- (ii) Under PMUY cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing deposit free LPG connection.
- (iii) The beneficiary bears the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. However, the beneficiary has an option to take the Hot Plate or the first refill or both on loan basis, from Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at zero interest rate.