Release of 8 croreth PMUY connection

News

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be handing over the 8 croreth connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

- 8 Crore (Earlier target was 5 Crore) LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) connections to poor households will be provided
- The scheme provides free LPG connection with financial assistance of Rs. 1600/- per connection to an adult woman member of all poor families. (Earlier only BPL family identified through Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data were eligible)
- With the expansion of the PMUY scheme, all the poor households can avail the benefit from PMUY and it will not be mandatory to be part of the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) list or the seven identified categories under the programme to be eligible for the scheme.
- Eligible households will be identified in consultation with state governments and Union territories.
- The scheme will be implemented by 2020. (Older target was to be achieved by 2019).
- Consumers will have the option to purchase gas stove and refills on EMI.
- It seeks to empower women and protect their health by shifting them from traditional cooking based on unclean cooking fuels or fossil fuels to clean cooking gas.
- Ministry of Petroleum and natural Gas.

Why launched?

Because burning wood/coal is leading to rising pulmonary, cataract and heart diseases

According to health experts, the smoke released in the burning process contains hazardous gases like carbon monoxide, particulate matter, etc. Unclean cooking fuels are the main source of indoor air pollution that causes non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer

Generally, poor women are victims of these toxic gases. They have no alternative and thus they are forced to use them.