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Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

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To

o/c
| The Director General, PPAC, New Delhi
| The Chairman, IOC, New Delhi
| The C&MD, BPCL/HPCL, Mumbai

Subject : Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana – Revised Scheme Guidelines

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the Revised Scheme Guidelines for providing free LPG connections by OMCs to Women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households under 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY), for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

Revised Scheme Guidelines

1. Short Title

The Scheme for providing free LPG connections by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to the women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households shall be called Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Initially scheme was to cover 5 crore BPL households and now with the approval of the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs it has been decided that PMUY will cover 8 crore BPL families upto the FY 2019-2020.

2. Commencement

The PMUY scheme has already commenced.

3. Objective

Availability of clean cooking fuel is a major challenge for rural poor households in the country. Lack of access to clean fuel is adversely affecting the health of particularly women and children in the households using unclean fuel. Government is committed to providing clean fuel to all poor households. The PMUY Scheme is in operation from April 2016 to March 2020.

4. Definition

- (a) BPL is a person/ household who suffers from at least one deprivation under the SECC 2011 database or who belongs to one of the categories mentioned in point 5.
- (b) Release of LPG connection: LPG connection under this Scheme shall be released in the name of the woman belonging to the BPL family;
- (c) Cash Assistance – This will cover the initial cost of Rs.1600/- for providing a connection and this cash assistance would be provided by the Government for each new LPG connections;

(d) SECC – refer to the Socio-Economic census exercise initiated in the year 2011. This exercise was undertaken in a transparent manner by the State Governments and the Ministry of Rural Development, before the SECC database was finalized.

5. Selection of Beneficiaries

The selection of beneficiaries would be from the BPL families identified from the SECC list or BPL family covered under either one of the categories:

- i) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)
- ii) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin)
- iii) SC/ST households
- iv) Forest dwellers
- v) Most Backward classes
- vi) Tea & Ex-Tea Garden Tribes
- vii) People residing in islands and river islands

The above category of beneficiaries will be identified in consultation with the respective line Ministries and State Governments/ UTs and will be considered after excluding those covered by the 14 parameters of exclusion in SECC list.

An Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee will be constituted in the Ministry to determine parameters to enable poor households of above categories to avail the benefit under PMUY.

6. Implementation Modalities of the Scheme would be as follows :-

- (a) 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 Aadhaar number (If the Aadhaar number is not available, steps would be taken in coordination with UIDAI for issue of Aadhaar number to the woman of BPL household),;

- (b) The LPG Field Officials will match the application of the categories mentioned in para 5 and para 4(a) above and enter the details (name, address etc.) into a dedicated OMCs Web portal through a login/ password given by the OMCs;
- (c) OMCs will undertake electronically the de-duplication exercise and other measures for due diligence for a new LPG connection;
- (d) The connection shall be issued by the OMC to the eligible beneficiaries (after completion of various stages above). While the connection charges would be borne by the Government, the OMCs would provide an option for the new consumer to opt for EMIs, if she so desires, to cover the cost of a cooking stove and first refill. The EMI amount may be recovered by the OMCs from the subsidy amount due to the consumer on each refill;
- (e) In case the State Government or a voluntary organisation or an individual wishes to contribute the cost of a stove and/ or first refill, they would be free to do so in coordination with the OMCs. However, this would be under the overall umbrella of PMUY and no other scheme name/ tagline would be allowed without express approval of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOP&NG);
- (f) OMCs will also organise 'Melas' at various locations for release of connections to BPL families. This will be done in the presence of public representatives and distinguished personalities of the area;
- (g) The Scheme will cover BPL families under all forms of distributorship and for various sizes of cylinders (like 14.2 kg, 5 kg, etc) depending on the field situation.

7. Expenditure

In addition to the expenditure on giving a new connection, the Scheme will have provision of 2% for IEC expenses including Project Management Expenses (which includes the cost of administration, evaluation, technology support etc.)

8. Modalities for settling claims under the PMUY Scheme by OMCs

OMCs will release the connection to women of BPL families after completing the procedure detailed above. OMCs shall submit their claims for the connections

released on monthly basis. The claim will be submitted to PPAC within 10 days of the end of that month. PPAC will scrutinize and forward the claims to MOP&NG, which will in turn reimburse the claims of OMCs.

9. Audit and verification of claims

- a) All claims submitted by OMCs shall be duly audited and be accompanied with audit certificate.
- b) PPAC will scrutinize the claims of the OMCs from their books of account and can cross check claims from accounts maintained and for this purpose may call for any related information or visit and examine records maintained by OMCs at site, plant office, regional office, head office etc.
- c) The Government may also undertake third party audit of the Scheme.

10. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute with regard to interpretation of any provision of the Scheme will be referred to MOP&NG and the decision of the Ministry shall be final and binding on all.

11. Miscellaneous

MOP&NG shall have the power to issue clarifications or directions for smooth implementation of the Scheme.
