

## 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).;

