PRESS NOTE

The Government of India has a vision to make this UT Kerosene free so that the households using Kerosene as a cooking fuel could get rid of the serious health hazards associated with cooking based on fossil fuels. In order to achieve this objective, the GoI has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna which is aimed at providing free LPG connections in the name of women heading households to empower women and protecting their health, assisting in cutting short the issue of the air pollution due to use of fossil fuel, reducing the number of deaths in India due to unclean cooking fuels and preventing young children from significant number of acute respiratory illnesses caused due to indoor air pollution by burning the fossil fuels.

In order to achieve this target, the Department has decided to reach out all such households who are presently using Kerosene as their domestic cooking fuel to provide them with single bottled LPG cylinders. Under this scheme, the first refill will be issued without any payment and the cost of first refill alongwith the cost of stove and its accessories shall be recovered from the future subsidy amount of the beneficiaries on equal monthly installment. In view of this, all the PDS beneficiaries who are presently using Kerosene as their cooking fuel are advised to come forward to have the Kerosene fuel replaced with LPG. Application forms have been made available at all the Panchayats and at the extension counters of the distributors of IOCL. Besides, PBMC is also conducting camps across the municipal limits to sensitize the people about the schemes. Forms have also been made available at these camps. Therefore, all the PDS beneficiaries using Kerosene Oil are hereby requested to make formal application for availing the benefits of PMUY Scheme so that the vision of the GoI to make this UT Kerosene free could be achieved with your active participation.

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