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With the recent cuts in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) prices, speculation is rife that a reduction in petrol and diesel prices may be in the offing in view of the impending Lok Sabha polls. Responding to questions on the issue, Puri said that any such decision is the prerogative of the three OMCs—Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation—and the companies will have to take a call based on a number of factors, sta-



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bility in international prices being a key consideration. The minister also declined to give a timeline for resumption of regular revision in petrol and diesel prices, which has been on hold for nearly two years.

According to highly placed sources in the government, the OMCs are currently incurring an under-recovery of Rs 3-5 per litre on diesel sales, while in the case of petrol, they are currently making a profit.

Under-recoveries refer to the difference between the retail price and the international price of the fuel. As per the pricing methodology followed by the OMCs, petrol and diesel prices

should be revised daily based on the 15-day rolling average of international benchmark prices. However, the companies have not revised prices since early April of 2022, when global crude oil and fuel prices had surged in the aftermath of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

In a scenario where the OMCs continue to have under-recoveries, a fuel price cut can be achieved if the government cuts taxes on the petrol and diesel, like it did on two occasions over the past couple of years, or if the OMCs decide to bear deeper losses at the government’s behest. The latter, according to industry insiders, would essentially

be a political call.

While acknowledging that the OMCs have reported robust financial results for the first three quarters of the current financial year 2023-24 (FY24), which raised hopes of a reduction in petrol and diesel prices, Puri said that the companies had suffered heavy losses in the previous financial year as they cushioned domestic consumers from extreme price shocks. The three companies have not been compensated for some of those losses and are still in the process of recouping a part of the hit they took at the time.

“The companies had losses of Rs 28,000 crore as they maintained LPG prices (despite a surge in international prices), and the government compensated them with Rs 22,000 crore... It (petrol and diesel price cut) has to be very coolly thought through... oil marketing companies lost Rs 30,000 crore (on petrol and diesel sales) and we still have not compensated them,” Puri said.

According to a senior official in the Petroleum Ministry, volatility in the international prices of crude oil and fuels continues to remain a concern for the OMCs and the government. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, did not com-

pletely rule out a price reduction but said that multiple factors that make up the pricing equation need to be carefully analysed before a call is taken. These factors include international oil prices, fuel spreads or margins, dollar-rupee exchange rate, outlook on prices, and market volatility assessments, among others.

Although crude oil prices have come down considerably from over \$100 per barrel in 2022 to sub-\$85 levels now, they remain prone to volatility given the unpredictable geopolitical situation in some regions and production regulation by major global oil producers. Just a few months ago, in September, the price of the global benchmark Brent crude had shot up and breached the \$95-per-barrel level, before falling again subsequently.

As per industry insiders, OMCs would be comfortable in reverting to daily fuel price revisions once international crude oil prices stabilise under \$80 per barrel.

Given the current pump prices and margins on the two automobile fuels in the international market, an oil price level of under \$80 would ensure that the OMCs would not have to bear any under-recovery on petrol and diesel sales.



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Development of NE must for fulfilling 'Viksit Bharat': Modi

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Asserting that the entire North-East is his family, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that the development of the region is necessary for fulfilling the resolution of 'Viksit Bharat'.

"The development of the North-East is necessary for fulfilling the resolution of 'Viksit Bharat'... Congress laid the foundation stone of projects, got their pictures taken, misled the people, and ran away. But Modi considers the entire Northeast as his family..." Mr Modi said while addressing a public rally in Jorhat in Upper Assam.

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ranging from new medical facilities to upgradation of refineries in Assam. He said that after the BJP government came to power in 2014, the infrastructure development of the North-Eastern states has taken a new turn.

"Our government has com-

pleted stalled projects like Bogibeel Bridge, broad gauge linkage of railways to Barak valley, and there are numerous development projects which have been launched for the speedy development of the region," Modi said, adding that North-Eastern states will

be the growth driver of India's economy in the 21st century.

Listing out projects which were completed during the BJP rule, Mr Modi blamed the earlier Congress government for giving only lip service to the development cause and doing nothing on the ground.

Taking a potshot at the opposition for singling him out on the family issue, he said: "Opposition is now attacking me that I don't have a family... I want to tell them my family is all of you, and you all like me because I serve you".

Earlier in the day, after inaugurating the strategically significant Sela Tunnel project in Arunachal Pradesh on Saturday, Mr Modi criticised the previous Congress-led UPA government for 'neglecting' border villages in the

North-Eastern states.

He praised his government's 'Vibrant Village Programme'. Speaking at the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit North-east' programme in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, PM Modi stated that Congress had disregarded the border villages, referring to them as the last village.

In contrast, he views these as the first villages and hence initiated the Vibrant Village Programme. Responding to the 'Without Parivaar' jibe, the PM stated that he is tirelessly working towards constructing a 'Viksit Bharat' and ensuring a better future for the youth.

During his two-day visit, Mr Modi undertook elephant and car safaris in the UNESCO Heritage site Kaziranga National Park.

First cargo of ONGC crude oil from KG basin block reaches Mangalore refinery

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The first cargo of ONGC's newly explored crude oil from KG basin deep-sea block was received at Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) on Saturday, the refinery said in a statement.

The new crude oil from Krishna Godavari basin block KG-DWN-98/2 was brought to Mangalore by a ship named Swarna Sindhu, which was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 2.

"This sweet (low sulphur) indigenous crude is poised to be transformed into various fuels and petrochemicals at MRPL, Mangalore, contributing impactfully to the Athmanirbhar Bharath mission of the Government of India," it said.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) KG block KG-DWN-98/2, which started oil production in January, lies in Andhra offshore.

The field is producing some 12,000-12,500 barrels of oil per day currently using a floating production and storage offloading (FPSO). The oil is stored on the FPSO and once it reaches a critical level, it is transferred to a ship which carries it to a refinery for processing into fuels like petrol and diesel.

MRPL is a subsidiary of ONGC.

"At its peak, this production is



expected to reach 45,000 barrels of oil per day of crude oil and 10 million standard cubic metres per day of natural gas," the statement said.

Speaking on the occasion, MRPL managing director M Shyamprasad Kamath said that this crude oil production results from ONGC Group's commitment and technical capabilities to contribute to the nation's energy self-dependence.

He said this crude oil would amount to a 7 per cent increase in India's crude oil and natural gas production potential at its peak.

"MRPL, a coastal refinery with three separate crude distillation units and essential supporting infrastructure, is well poised to process newer crudes. This has enabled it to have a diverse crude basket of 250 crude oil from around the globe, of which more than 100 have already been processed in the refinery complex at Mangalore," it added.

Oil prices didn't rise in India despite global conflicts: Puri

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The Centre was able to manage oil prices from increasing despite global turbulence amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict and drone attacks on merchant ships in the Red Sea, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference here, Puri said 85 per cent of India's crude requirements are met by imports, with the price of crude in the international market being the benchmark.

"If you accept that (global issues), you have to deal with the price of crude in the international market and the price at which it is made available. What happened in the last few years?" he said.

Puri elaborated on how the 'Russia-Ukraine war' impacted the crude oil supply, but India was able to



manage its supply by diversifying its source and increasing the purchase from Russia despite fear of sanctions.

"We know how the Russia-Ukraine war erupted. Russia produces 11-13 million barrels per day. One way was to stop buying crude oil from Russia, but it would have brought down the availability and we couldn't have disrupted oil supply to the public. In that case, the prices would have

shot up to USD 138...there were talks of sanctions," he said.

"At that stage, we were buying only 0.2 per cent crude oil from Russia. But, we had to confront and navigate the situation. We have been diversifying our supply and increased our purchases from Russia. Our policy is that from wherever we will get the crude oil as per our requirements, we will buy it, and it is a totally transparent system. When

other countries saw this, they also gave us discounts. Our policy is 'nation first' and the consumer is paramount," Puri said.

He said even though OPEC+ -- a bloc of 23 oil-exporting countries including OPEC -- reduced its crude oil production, oil prices didn't rise in India.

"Even the producing countries are taking steps to curtail production. OPEC+ reduced its production by 5

million barrels. Despite things standing as thus, the prices (in India) didn't go up, which means the market absorbed it," he said.

The Union Minister also described how the Red Sea crisis impacts global oil supply while affirming that India will be able to navigate the situation while maintaining availability, affordability and sustainability.

"Due to the situation in the Red Sea, we have to track all the updates. Even though we are not directly concerned with shipping costs, our suppliers are. In spite of that, I am very confident that the situation as it is and as it is likely to evolve has a lot of space to navigate in the interest of our consumers to ensure availability, which has not been affected at all in the last few years, affordability, which you have seen the evidence of and transition to green fuels, and sustainability," Puri added.

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PUBLIC SECTOR oil marketing companies (OMCs)—Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation—will absorb the financial impact of the Rs 100-per-cylinder reduction in cooking gas prices announced Friday and the Centre does not plan to compensate them for it, according to highly placed sources in the government.

The OMCs on Saturday slashed the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for all domestic LPG consumers by Rs 100 per 14.2-kg cylinder in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that cooking gas prices were being reduced on the occasion of the International Women's Day on Friday. This price cut by the government comes just days ahead of the likely announcement of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, and is likely to benefit nearly 33 crore households across India.

"There is no thinking within the government to compensate the OMCs for the LPG price reduction," said a senior government official, requesting anonymity.

The official added that LPG prices for domestic household consumers are not fully deregulated, so the companies are required to follow the government's decision and deal with its financial implications. Officials with the OMCs said that given the strong financial health of the three companies at present, they should be able to absorb the hit rather comfortably as they had the necessary headroom to accommodate the price cut. All three companies reported ro-



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bust earnings for the first three quarters of the current financial year 2023-24 (FY24). However, it would have been a different story if they experienced the kind of stress they went through in the previous financial year when energy markets turned extremely volatile in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

As per ballpark estimates based on FY23 data on active LPG connections and average refill rates, around 181 crore refills in terms of the standard 14.2-kg LPG cylinders were consumed by households in India in that fiscal.

Assuming the LPG refill rates and consumer base remain similar to FY23 levels, the financial impact of the latest price cut would be around Rs 18,100 crore on an annualised basis. This is the second instance of the government announcing a reduction in LPG prices for households in the current fiscal.

Ahead of the Assembly polls in five states, a price cut of Rs 200 per cylinder was announced on August 29. Usually, the OMCs bear the financial implications of price cuts, while the subsidy bill

is footed by the Centre.

Currently, LPG subsidy is only provided to poor households under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), and is not available to all household LPG consumers.

However, there have been instances in the past when the OMCs sold LPG at reduced prices amid high international fuel price volatility, with the government later providing them with financial assistance to cover the losses they incurred on that count. For instance, the government provided a special one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to the three OMCs in 2022 to compensate them for selling LPG at a loss, which had resulted in accumulated losses of around Rs 28,000 crore.

The grant came at a time when the OMCs were grappling with significant losses, particularly in the fuel retail segment due to soaring prices in the international market and the companies' inability to pass those to domestic consumers. However, the companies have now largely recovered from the losses incurred during that period.



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PM blames Congress for neglecting NE's growth

Prime Minister vows to transform region's infrastructure

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Blaming the erstwhile Congress government for neglecting the North-Eastern region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that infrastructure projects undertaken by his government created new possibilities as the development of the North-east is imperative for a Viksit Bharat.

"The development of the North-east is necessary for fulfilling the resolution of Viksit Bharat... Congress laid the foundation stone of projects, got their pictures clicked, misled the people, and ran away. But Modi considers the entire North-east as his family..." Mr Modi said while addressing a public rally in Jorhat in Upper Assam.

He mentioned that projects like the bridge on Saraighat, Dhola-Sadiya Bridge, Bogibeel Bridge, extension of railway broad gauge till Barak Valley, Multi-modal Logistics Park, Jogighopa, two new bridges on Brahmaputra river and 18 waterways in the North-east as com-



pared to one in Assam in 2014. He said that these projects created new possibilities in the region. He also mentioned the UNNATI Scheme which was approved in the last Cabinet meeting in a new form with expanded scope. The Cabinet has also increased the MSP for jute which will benefit the jute farmers of the state.

The Prime Minister, inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth more than Rs 17,500 crore in Jorhat, Assam on

Saturday. The development projects of today encompass the sectors of health, oil and gas, rail and housing.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the huge crowd present on the occasion and also acknowledged two lakh people joining from 200 different places in the state. Talking about his visit to Kaziranga National Park, the Prime Minister called it a unique national park and tiger reserve and underlined the attraction of its biodiversity and

ecosystem of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. "70 per cent of the single-horned rhinos are in Kaziranga," he said.

The Prime Minister pointed out how the rhino became endangered due to negligence and criminal collaboration and recalled the hunting of 27 rhinos in a single year in 2013. This number was brought down to zero in 2022 by the efforts of the government. The PM mentioned unveiling the magnificent statue of Veer Lachit Borphukan and said, "Veer Lachit Borphukan is the symbol of Assam's valour and determination."

"Vikas bhi aur Virasat Bhi' development as well as heritage has been the Mantra of our double engine government," said the Prime Minister.

He said that Assam has made rapid strides in infrastructure, health and energy sectors.

Health infrastructure like AIIMS, Tinsukia Medical College, Shiv Sagar Medical College and Cancer Hospital in Jorhat will make Assam a medical hub for the entire north-east. (PG10)

PM inaugurates two pipeline projects of OIL

JORHAT: Oil India, the Maharatna CPSE, witnessed a momentous occasion on Saturday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated two flagship pipeline projects of the company in a ceremony held at Jorhat, Assam.

OIL upgraded the pumping capacity of 756 km Barauni-Bongaigaon-Guwahati sector of its 1157 km long Naharkatiya-Barauni Crude Oil Pipeline up to 3 MMTPA, which would help in meeting supply of imported crude oil at Bongaigaon and Guwahati refinery.

In another venture, the company replaced its 38 km pipeline from Duliajan to Digboi, equipped with new cathodic protection system and optical fibre communication-based network, which would facilitate capacity enhancement of Asia's oldest refinery - the Digboi refinery from 0.65 MMTPA to 1MMTPA.

Both projects were completed at a total Budgeted project cost of Rs 623 crore that would ensure safe, reliable and eco-friendly transportation of the hydrocarbon molecules.

Following the clarion call of the prime minister on Atmanirbhar Bharat, most of the machines and equipment used for the projects were indigenously manufac-



tured that contributed towards progress of Indian manufacturing industry. Further, the proj-

ects generated employment of nearly 50,000 man-days for site construction works in the east-

ern states of Assam, West Bengal and Bihar.

The event was graced by the presence of Chief Minister of Assam, Union Minister of Port, Shipping, Waterways and Ayush, Minister of State, Petroleum & Natural Gas and Labour & Employment, Member of Parliament, Guwahati along with senior dignitaries from MoPNG, Chairman & Managing Director of OIL and senior officials from district administration, OIL and other PSUs.

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PM unveils projects worth ₹17,500 crore in Assam

Press Trust of India

Guwahati

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled development projects worth ₹17,500 crore in Assam on Saturday. The PM unveiled the projects strengthening the health, oil and gas, railway and housing sectors at a function in Jorhat.

He laid the foundation stone of projects under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-Dev-INE) scheme. Among these projects are a medical college and hospital at Sivasagar and a Hemato-Lymphoid Centre

in Guwahati. Modi on Saturday also inaugurated the strategic all-weather Sela Tunnel that connects Tezpur in Assam with Tawang in the West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh, close to China border. The tunnel, situated at an altitude of 13,000 feet, is constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost of ₹825 crore. It will reduce the travel time by an hour.

Meanwhile, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay foundation stones of 16 airport projects on Sunday.

Trades below barrier

CRUDE CHECK. But broader trend is up

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Crude oil prices dipped last week. Brent crude oil futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) slipped 1.7 per cent as it closed at \$82.1 per barrel. Crude oil futures on the MCX was down 2.7 per cent by ending the week at ₹6,459 a barrel.

BRENT FUTURES (\$82.1)

Although Brent futures declined last week, it remains within the range of \$81-84. Until it stays so, the next swing in price will be uncertain.

If Brent futures regain traction and break out of \$84, we could see a quick rise in price to \$90, a resistance. Above this level, there are barriers at \$93 and \$100.

Alternatively, if the contract falls below the support \$81, it could extend the decline to \$79. Most probably, there will be a bounce off this level. However, if \$79 is invalidated, Brent futures could see a dip to \$73.

MCX-CRUDE OIL (₹6,459)

The March futures contract of crude oil broke out of the resistance at ₹6,520 early this month. But there was no follow-through



rally since then. Last week, the contract dipped 2.7 per cent.

That said, the crude oil futures continue to trade above the important support at ₹6,300. The 50-day moving average coincides at this level, making it a strong base. So long as this level stays true, there will always be a bullish bias.

If the uptrend resumes, the contract can move up to ₹6,800, a barrier. A breach of this can take the contract to ₹7,000. On the other hand, if the contract breaks below the support at ₹6,300, trend can turn bearish. Nearest support below ₹6,300 is at ₹6,000.

Trade strategy: Hold the longs initiated at ₹6,520 early this month. Maintain the stop-loss at ₹6,300. When the contract touches ₹6,800, tighten the stop-loss to ₹6,625. Book profits at ₹6,950.

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नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। गहरे समुद्र में स्थित ओएनजीसी के केजी बेसिन ब्लॉक में खोजे गए कच्चे तेल की पहली खेप शनिवार को मैंगलोर रिफाइनरी एंड पेट्रोकेमिकल्स लिमिटेड (एमआरपीएल) में पहुंची। एमआरपीएल ने एक बयान में यह जानकारी दी। कृष्णा गोदावरी घाटी में स्थित ब्लॉक केजी-डीडब्ल्यूएन - 9812 से कच्चे तेल की पहली खेप स्वर्ण सिंधु नामक जलपोत से मैंगलोर लाया गया। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने इस जलपोत को दो मार्च को हरी झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया था। बयान में कहा गया, यह मीठा (कम सल्फर वाला) स्वदेशी कच्चा तेल एमआरपीएल, मैंगलोर में विभिन्न ईंधन और पेट्रोकेमिकल में बदलने के लिए तैयार है। इससे सरकार के आत्मनिर्भर भारत मिशन को मजबूती मिलेगी। एमआरपीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक एम श्यामप्रसाद कामथ ने कहा कि केजी बेसिन ब्लॉक से कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में देश को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए ओएनजीसी समूह की प्रतिबद्धता और तकनीकी क्षमताओं को दर्शाता है। यह परियोजना अधिकतम उत्पादन स्तर हासिल करने पर भारत के तेल और गैस उत्पादन में सात प्रतिशत की वृद्धि करेगी। ओएनजीसी के केजी ब्लॉक केजी-डीडब्ल्यूएन-9812 ने जनवरी में तेल उत्पादन शुरू किया था और यह आंध्र प्रदेश में स्थित एक अपतटीय क्षेत्र है। यह क्षेत्र वर्तमान में प्रति दिन लगभग 12,000-12,500 बैरल तेल का उत्पादन कर रहा है।

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कृष्णा गोदावरी घाटी में स्थित ब्लाक केजी-डीडब्ल्यूएन-98/2 से कच्चे तेल की पहली खेप स्वर्ण सिंधु नामक जलपोत से मंगलोर लाया गया। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने इस जलपोत को दो मार्च को हरी झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया था। कम सल्फर युक्त (मीठा) स्वदेशी कच्चा तेल को एमआरपीएल, मंगलोर में अलग अलग ईंधन और

पेट्रोकेमिकल के रूप में शोधित किया जाएगा। इससे सरकार के आत्मनिर्भर भारत मिशन को मजबूती मिलेगी। एमआरपीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक एम श्यामप्रसाद कामथ के मुताबिक केजी बेसिन ब्लाक से कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में देश को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए ओएनजीसी समूह की प्रतिबद्धता और तकनीकी क्षमताओं को दर्शाता है।

यह परियोजना अधिकतम उत्पादन स्तर हासिल करने पर भारत के तेल और गैस उत्पादन में 7 फीसद की वृद्धि करेगी। ओएनजीसी के केजी ब्लाक 'केजी-डीडब्ल्यूएन-98/2' ने जनवरी में तेल उत्पादन शुरू किया था और यह आंध्र प्रदेश में स्थित एक अपतटीय क्षेत्र है।

वर्तमान में रोजाना करीब 12,000-12,500 बैरल तेल का उत्पादन किया जा रहा है।



घरेलू गैस की कीमतों में राजग-संप्रग के दौरान अंतर पर पुरी का कटाक्ष- तब गैस थी कहां

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। तेल मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शनिवार को विपक्षी कांग्रेस के इस बयान पर पलटवार किया कि उसकी सरकार में प्रति सिलेंडर रसोई गैस की कीमत 399-414 रुपये थी, जबकि भाजपा सरकार में सामान्य ग्राहकों को 803 रुपये और उज्ज्वला लाभार्थियों को 503 रुपये में एलपीजी गैस का सिलेंडर मिल रहा है। पुरी ने कहा कि संप्रग सरकार के तहत गैस की उपलब्धता बहुत कम थी और सब्सिडी अपात्रों के पास चली गई थी।

सरकार ने शुक्रवार को रसोई गैस एलपीजी की कीमत में प्रति 14.2 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर 100 रुपये की कटौती की थी। इसके अगले दिन पुरी ने एक

संवाददाता सम्मेलन में बताया कि कैसे प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की अगुवाई वाली सरकार ने रसोई गैस के प्रसार को दोगुना कर 32.5 करोड़ घरों में एलपीजी सिलेंडर पहुंचा दिया। इसमें उज्ज्वला योजना के तहत 10.3 करोड़ गरीब महिलाओं को मिले मुफ्त कनेक्शन शामिल हैं।

पुरी ने कहा कि जब 2020 और 2023 के बीच अंतरराष्ट्रीय तेल की कीमतें बढ़ी तो सरकार ने दरें कम कीं।

उन्होंने कहा कि ताजा कटौती के बाद राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में कीमतें 803 रुपये प्रति 14.2 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर पर आ गई हैं। उज्ज्वला लाभार्थियों को प्रति सिलेंडर 300 रुपये की सब्सिडी दी जाती है।

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तेल मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने शनिवार को विपक्षी कांग्रेस के इस बयान पर पलटवार किया कि उसकी सरकार में प्रति सिलेंडर रसोई गैस की कीमत 399-414 रुपए थी, जबकि भाजपा सरकार में सामान्य ग्राहकों को 803 रुपए और उच्चला लाभार्थियों को 503 रुपए में एलपीजी गैस का सिलेंडर मिल रहा है।

पुरी ने कहा कि संप्रग सरकार के तहत गैस की उपलब्धता बहुत कम थी और सब्सिडी अपात्रों के पास चली गई थी। सरकार ने शुक्रवार को रसोई गैस एलपीजी की कीमत में प्रति 14.2 किलोग्राम सिलेंडर 100 रुपए की कटौती की थी। इसके अगले दिन पुरी ने एक संवाददाता सम्मेलन में बताया कि कैसे प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की अगुआई वाली

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