

Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG (DBTL)-PAHAL Scheme

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Government continues to take measures to ensure that LPG distribution and subsidy transfers in respect of domestic LPG consumers are efficient, transparent, and inclusive.

- **DBTL-PAHAL (Pratyaksh Hanstantrit Labh)** - It is **India's flagship initiative** for transferring LPG subsidies directly into the bank accounts of eligible consumers.
- **Aim** - This scheme aims to reduce subsidy leakage, eliminate duplication, and ensure subsidy reaches the intended beneficiaries.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- **Implemented through** - Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and UIDAI.
- **Eligibility** - All domestic LPG consumers who have completed the KYC process and linked their Aadhaar or bank account details with their LPG consumer number are eligible.
 - The subsidy amount is directly transferred to the consumer's bank account after the purchase.
- **Subsidy** - A targeted subsidy of Rs.300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills of 14.2 Kg equivalent domestic LPG is being provided to all PMUY consumers.
 - In addition, various State Governments have also been providing subsidized refills or further subsidies to PMUY beneficiaries.
- **Key Features of Scheme**
 - To streamline the subsidy distribution process for LPG cylinders.
 - To reduce misuse and diversion of subsidized LPG.
 - To ensure that the benefits reach the deserving sections of society directly.
- **Coverage** - It covers **over 17 crore LPG consumers** nationwide, making it the **largest cash transfer program globally**.

- **Steps to remove ineligible consumers -**

- **Common LPG Database Platform (CLDP)** - It is used for de-duplication of connections via Aadhaar, bank details, ration card, etc.
- **Biometric Aadhaar Authentication** - It is mandatory for new PMUY and PAHAL beneficiaries.
 - As of Nov 2025, 69% of existing PMUY beneficiaries was authenticated.
- **Weeding Out Ineligible Consumers** - 8.63 lakh PMUY connections terminated since inception.
 - *Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)* issued in Jan 2025 to remove inactive connections, around 20,000 inactive connections were terminated by Nov 2025.
- **3rd party evaluation** - Conducted by *Research and Development Initiative (RDI)*, over 90% respondents satisfied with subsidy reimbursement.

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