

PAHAL (Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG) Scheme

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The Indian government has deactivated more than 4 crore duplicate or inactive domestic LPG connections under its PAHAL direct benefit transfer scheme, the Petroleum Minister told parliament recently.

About PAHAL Scheme

- **Pratyaksh Hanstantrit Labh**/Direct Benefits Transfer For LPG (PAHAL) scheme, launched by the **Ministry Of Petroleum and Natural Gas**, is India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for LPG subsidies.
- Instead of subsidized cylinders being delivered directly, the **consumer pays the full market price for LPG** and the **government transfers the subsidy amount to the registered bank account**.
- It covers over **17 crore LPG consumers** nationwide, making it the **largest cash transfer program globally**.

PAHAL Scheme Objectives

- Ensures transparency and **eliminates intermediaries**.

- **Removing incentives for diversion.**
- **Protect the entitlement** and ensure the payment of subsidy to the consumers.
- **Improving** the availability or **delivery of LPG** cylinders **for genuine customers.**
- **Eliminating** the fake or **duplicate connections.**
- Providing **self-selection in subsidy.**

PAHAL Scheme Eligibility

- The applicant must be an **LPG user.**
- The **combined taxable income of the applicant and their spouse should not exceed ₹10,00,000** in the previous financial year, as per the Income Tax Act, 1961.

PAHAL Scheme Working

- The **consumer books a gas cylinder** at the market price.
- **Once delivered,** the **government credits the subsidy amount directly** into the linked **bank account** of the consumer.
- There are **two types of consumers** in the scheme:
- **Primary Aadhaar-Based DBT (preferred): Aadhaar is linked with both the LPG consumer number and the bank account.**
- **Alternative (Non-Aadhaar-Based): Bank account is linked directly with the LPG consumer number** if Aadhaar linking is not available.

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