## Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

In order to provide clean cooking fuel to every poor households especially in rural areas, the Government had launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" on 01.05.2016 to provide deposit-free LPG connections to 5 crore women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) which has now been enhanced to 8 crore. Identification of prospective beneficiaries under PMUY has been expanded by including other categories in addition to SECC list. To achieve the enhanced target, the scheme will now also cover all SC/STs households beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana(PMAY) (Gramin), Antyoday Anna Yojana(AAY), Forest dwellers, Most Backward Classes (MBC), Tea & Ex-Tea Garden Tribes, people residing in Islands/ river islands having no LPG connection. The salient features of the PMUY Scheme are as under:-

- LPG Connection is released in the name of adult woman of the BPL Family, subject to the condition that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the household.
- The Scheme covers the cash assistance upto Rs. 1600/- for providing new LPG connection and this cash assistance is provided by the Central Government.
- The customer bears the cost of Hot plate and purchase of first refill. The customers have
  option to take Hot plate on purchase of first refill or both on loan basis from zero interest
  rate and the same is recovered through subsidy received by the beneficiary. No recovery
  of loan is effecting for initial 6 refills.