

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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LPG AGENCIES TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTH, SCS/STS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets allotted to the educated unemployed persons and the persons belonging to the Scheduled Casts and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes during the last three years in Bihar;
- (b) the number of distributorships and the names of the districts in which it is proposed to be allotted in the current year;
- (c) whether the government propose to open LPG gas agency in Darbhanga, Madhubhani, Sitamarhi, Samastipur, Benipur, Biraul, Ghanshyampur and Baheri;
- (d) if so, the time by which LPG agencies are likely to be opened; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) During the last three years 16 retail outlet dealership and 13 LPG distributorships were allotted under SC/ST category in Bihar. As per the existing policy, there is no separate reservation for unemployed persons and other backward classes.
- (b) to (e): As per the existing policy, LPG distributorships are set up at the locations meeting Oil Industry's viability norms. Accordingly, 105 LPG distributorships have been included in the Marketing Plan 1996-98 for Bihar. It generally takes 6-12 months for commissioning of dealerships/distributorships from the date of interview.

At present, there is no proposal pending for setting up LPG distributorships in Benipur, Biraul, Ghanshyampur and Baheri. Proposals for 3 LPG distributorships in district Darbhanga, 5 in district Madhubhani, 6 in district Sitamarhi and 4 in district Samastipur are pending for selection/commissioning.