

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

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OPENING OF LPG CNG AGENCIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has invited fresh tenders for opening more LPG and CNG agencies in Indore, Devas, Shajapur districts of Madhya Pradesh to meet the demand of the people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the time by which new agencies are likely to be opened ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): Notice inviting applications for selection of LPG distributors have been issued on 19.10.2009 by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for establishing 97 new LPG distributors in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY).

The selection of LPG distributorships is made by OMCs themselves, in terms of laid down guidelines. Commissioning / opening of distributors involves Field Verification of Credentials of the selected candidate, construction of godown/ showroom and obtaining statutory clearances. It is therefore, not possible to indicate any time frame for commissioning/ opening of LPG distributors, but every effort is made to do so as quickly as possible.

As regards CNG agencies, at present, there are five CNG stations in Indore and one CNG station in Ujjain. There are no other CNG stations operating in Madhya Pradesh. Aavantika Gas Limited (AGL) would be undertaking further expansion of CNG infrastructure in Indore and Ujjain, as also in Gwalior. Further, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has selected GAIL Gas Ltd. For development of City Gas Distribution network in Geographical Area of Dewas.

Providing of CNG facilities in a particular city/town area depends inter-alia upon proximity to trunk natural gas pipelines, availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.