

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

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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL FUEL OUTLETS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for opening more LPG dealerships and diesel and petrol outlets in the country including Jammu and Kashmir and tribal dominated areas of Tamil Nadu ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the details of such dealerships given and outlets opened in Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu during the last one year and the current year ;
- (d) the details of such dealerships and outlets proposed to be opened during the current financial year and the next year ; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure adequate supply of gas, petrol and diesel in rural and tribal areas of the country ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have freedom to set up LPG distributors/RO dealerships as per their commercial consideration based on feasibility and economic viability of the locations as per their own guidelines, which are available on the websites of the concerned OMCs as well as at their Regional/State Offices.

During the year 2008-09 and between April 2009 and January 2010, OMCs have commissioned 3 and 40 LPG distributors and 24 and 173 ROs in the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu respectively.

OMCs have proposed to open 7 and 53 LPG distributors and 16 and 210 ROs in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu respectively during the current financial year (2009-10).

OMCs have reported that they have planned to set up 8 and 20 LPG distributors (except BPCL) and 4 and 105 ROs (except HPCL) in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu respectively during the year 2010-11.

(e): As per the "Vision 2015" adopted for LPG sector, a target has been given to the OMCs to raise the over-all LPG population coverage to 75% in the country by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections by 2015 especially in rural areas and uncovered areas and also examine the possibility of providing more Retail Outlet/Kisan Seva Kendra (KSK).

In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitruk Yojana" (RGGLVY) for establishing small size LPG distribution agencies for locations having potential of 600 or more refill sales per month has been formulated.

The scheme has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisement inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released by OMCs in 8 States where the reach of LPG is very low namely, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1266 locations.

The scheme has so far not been implemented in other States/UTs including Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu. The setting up of LPG distributors under this scheme will now be a continuous process till all parts of the country deficient in LPG including in the States of Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu were covered by LPG network.