

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF LPG DEALERSHIPS AND DIESEL/PETROLEUM OUTLETS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of LPG dealerships and diesel and petroleum products outlets opened in Gujarat during the last three years ;
- (b) the details of such dealerships and outlets proposed to be opened during the current financial year ; and
- (c) the measures being taken to ensure adequate availability of these products in rural areas of the country ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : During the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned 10 LPG distributors and 174 Retail Outlets (ROs) including 84 Kisan Seva Kendras (KSKs) in the States of Gujarat.

OMCs have proposed to open 10 LPG distributors and 35 ROs including 6 KSKs in the States of Gujarat during the current financial year (2009-10).

(c) : As per the "Vision 2015" adopted in 2009 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 RO/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 Vitrak 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 Gujarat. 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 State of Gujarat was covered by LPG network.