

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

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LPG DEALERSHIP TO WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch LPG dealership scheme for women to empower the rural women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to double the number of women dealers in rural areas during the next financial year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per the extant guidelines, 33% of the distributorships in all categories are reserved for women belonging to that category.

In order to increase rural penetration, a new scheme namely Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) has been launched on 16-10-2009. Under this scheme, the spouse of the applicant shall become a co-owner of the distributor once the distributor is commissioned, and thus all LPG distributorships under the scheme shall be jointly in the name of husband and wife.