

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

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NEW LPG CONNECTIONS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present estimated demand for cooking gas vis-a-vis gas connections provided as per latest information, State-wise;
- (b) the estimated number of gas connections to be provided during the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is providing gas connection on priority basis in rural and tribal areas;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have assessed the requirement/ demand of domestic LPG for the entire country at 13.7 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) for the year 2010. As on 01,02.2010, OMCs are serving about 1141.5 lakh LPG customers in the country. The State-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

(b) to (d): The new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers where OMC distributors are present irrespective of whether they fall in urban, urban/rural or tribal areas. Further, 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 undercovered areas.