

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

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VISION FOR LPG USAGE IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the districts/locations identified as potential areas under the Vision-2015 for LPG usage in Kerala;
- (b) the expected LPG coverage in Kerala in the next five years;
- (c) whether Kerala has been included in the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitruk Scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): The 'Vision 2015' adopted for LPG sector inter-alia focuses on raising the population coverage of LPG with the focus on rural areas and areas where LPG coverage is low. The Vision-2015 envisages to achieve atleast 75% population coverage in the country by LPG by the year 2015, To ensure that growth of LPG usage is evenly spread, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are assessing/identifying locations in a phased manner under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitruk Yojana (RGGLVY).

As a step towards achieving this objective, RGGLVY scheme has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released in 8 States where the reach of LPG is very low namely, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1215 locations in the 1st phase of implementation of this scheme.

(c) & (d): 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 Kerala are covered by LPG network.