

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

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AVAILABILITY OF LPG CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to make available LPG connections to seventy five per cent families in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Union Government has issued vision document-2015 in this regard ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) whether a scheme has been implemented to provide gas connections in rural areas and the percentage of families in the country having gas connection at present ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that as on 01-06-2009 they are serving 1067 lakh LPG customers through their 9378 LPG distributors in the country, covering approximately 50 % of the households.

With a view to set up long term targets/action plan for the OMCs, the Government have finalized the Vision-2015 for the oil sector which inter-alia envisages that :

Pace of new LPG connections to be increased substantially. 5.5 crore new connections till 2015 to raise population coverage from 50% to 75%. Total number of LPG customers would reach 16 crore with most of the new connections being released in rural areas as urban areas are largely covered. Focus would be on areas where LPG coverage is low.

In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme is proposed to be implemented. Details of the scheme will be notified shortly.