

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

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OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has invited new tenders to open more LPG agencies in all the district of Gujarat State to meet the demand of the public ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the time by which the new agencies are likely to be opened ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : Notices inviting applications for selection for LPG distributors have been issued in 2007-08 by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for establishing new LPG distributors at 63 locations in the State of Gujarat and selection process is in progress as per policy.

Since the commissioning process, post advertisement, involves receipt of application forms, scrutiny of the same, selection of the candidates, field verification of the credentials of the selected candidate, setting up of the infrastructure, procurement of various mandatory licences and approvals, and disposal of complaints/litigation if any, It is not possible to specify exactly when these locations will commissioned.