

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RAJIV GANDHI GRAMIN LPG VITRAK YOJANA

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

- (a) whether the Government had launched Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Yojana in the country to provide LPG connections in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of distributors appointed by the oil marketing companies in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for this purpose district-wise, State-wise and oil company-wise; and
- (d) the number of LPG connections given in rural areas including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar since the launch of the Yojana?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A new scheme of rural LPG distributor namely, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) for small size LPG distribution agencies has been launched on 16-10-2009. Salient features of the scheme are:-

- (i) The LPG agencies under the RGGLVY will be of small size requiring lesser finance/infrastructure.
- (ii) The distributor himself will manage the agency with the help of his/her family member and one or two employees.
- (iii) Age limit for the distributor to be between 21 and 45 years.
- (iv) All agencies under this scheme to be in the joint name of husband and wife, In case of applicants who are single the `spouse` will automatically become a partner after the marriage.
- (v) Reservation for SC/ST categories has also been provided for.
- (vi) The selection of the distributor would be by draw of lots from amongst all candidates who have secured more than 80% marks on the criteria of financial capability and education qualifications.

Advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released in 8 States where the reach of LPG is very low namely, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1215 locations in the 1st phase of implementation of this scheme.

(c): No LPG distributor has been appointed as yet in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.