

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

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LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG outlets which have been sanctioned and opened in the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 in Karnataka, OMC-wise and district-wise; and:

(b) the time by which the LPG outlets are likely to be opened in tribal areas of Karnataka especially the areas like Mysore, Kodagu and Chamarajnaragar?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have advertised 62 locations for setting up of LPG distributors in the State of Karnataka. Out of which 8 LPG distributor has since been commissioned and Letter of Intent (LoI) for 12 locations have already been issued. The selection for the balance locations is in progress. The company-wise/district-wise details are available with the Director (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

In addition to this, notice inviting applications for selection of LPG distributors under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitak Yojana (RGGLVY) have been issued on 31.03.2010 by OMCs for establishing 48 new LPG distributors in the State of Karnataka especially in rural areas and uncovered areas, out of which 3 are in Mysore, two in Kodagu and three in Chamarajanagar district and the selection of the same is in progress as per policy.

The selection of LPG distributorships is made by OMCs themselves, in terms of laid down guidelines. Commissioning / opening of distributors involves Field Verification of Credentials of the selected candidate, construction of godown/ showroom and obtaining statutory clearances. It is therefore, not possible to indicate any time frame for commissioning/ opening of LPG distributors, but every effort is made to do so as quickly as possible.