

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

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

- (a) the total number of LPG gas agencies of public sector oil companies in Lohardagga area of Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the public sector oil companies have stopped allotting new domestic gas connections in some areas of Jharkhand;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the number of these gas agencies is enough in proportion to the population of this area;and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): As on 01.04.2010, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating two LPG distributors in Lohardagga area of Jharkhand.

OMCs are serving about 21,727 customers through these two distributors and the demand of the customers is being fully met and there is no backlog as well as waiting list for release of new connections in the Lohardagga market There is sufficient refill slack to take care of LPG requirements in this market for few more year.

OMCs have not stopped release of new LPG connections in the country, including the State of Jharkhand. The enrolment of new LPG customers and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process. New LPG connections are made available as soon as possible and in any case, within a period of sixty days.

OMCs have identified 80 locations under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) in the State of Jharkhand to enhance the reach of LPG and advertisement inviting application for the same has already been released and the selection of the same is in progress as per policy.