

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

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OPENING OF GAS AGENCIES IN M.P.  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of the companies which have given advertisements for opening of gas agencies in Madhya Pradesh during the last two years;
- (b) the location-wise and area-wise number of gas agencies opened in Madhya Pradesh during the period as per the advertisements alongwith the number of applications pending for gas agency;and
- (c) the timeframe fixed by the Government to clear the pending applications ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): During the last two years, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have not advertised any location for setting up of LPG distributor in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

However, notice inviting applications for selection of LPG distributors under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) have been issued on 19.10.2009 by OMCs for establishing 97 new LPG distributors in the State of Madhya Pradesh 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. The setting up of LPG distributors is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging Sand for 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.