

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open cooking gas agencies at Panchayat level;and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme namely Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) for establishing small size LPG distribution agencies for the locations having potential of 600 or more refill sales per month has been launched on 16.10.2009.

RGGLVY scheme primarily aims at providing LPG to the rural house-holds, including BPL families.

To ensure that growth of LPG usage is evenly spread, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are assessing/identifying locations in a phased manner under RGGLVY. OMCs have undertaken to set up 2029 LPG distributors in 13 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The setting up of LPG distributors in the rural/under-served areas under this scheme will now be a continuous process.