

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

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SETTING UP OF LPG OUTLETS/PETROL PUMPS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

(a) the number of sites identified by the Government in Maharashtra for setting up of LPG outlets and petrol pumps during the last three years and the current year ; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the allotment of LPG outlets and petrol pumps at these sites ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : During the year 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and between April 2010 to June 2010, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have advertised 365 LPG distributors/Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak and 3255 Retail Outlets (ROs)/ Kisan Seva Kendras (KSKs) in the State of Maharashtra, out of which 16 LPG distributors/ Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak and 228 ROs/KSKs have been commissioned.

The selection of LPG distributorships is made by OMCs themselves, in terms of laid down guidelines. Commissioning/opening of LPG distributors/ROs involves Field Verification of Credentials of the selected candidate, construction of godown/showroom/development of RO and obtaining statutory clearances etc. 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.