

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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) the number of LPG agencies opened in Jaisalmer and Barmer areas of Rajasthan and Samastipur of Bihar during the last three years alongwith the number of agencies proposed to be opened in the said areas;
- (b) the details thereof, company-wise and place-wise;
- (c) whether LPG agencies for which interviews of candidates were taken during the last three years have not yet been set up so far;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): During the last three years, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned one LPG distributor in Barmer of Rajasthan and 3 LPG distributors in Samastipur of Bihar. Further, Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued for setting up of one LPG distributor at Samastipur, Bihar.

Similary, OMCs have proposed to set up 2 regular LPG distributors & 2 RGGLVs in Jaisalmer area, 4 regular distributors and 11 RGGLVs in Barmer area of Rajasthan and 2 regular distributors & 5 RGGLVs in Samastipur of Bihar.

The company-wise details of the LPG distributors commissioned and proposed to be commissioned are at Annexure.

The selection of LPG distributorships is made by OMCs themselves, in accordance with laid down guidelines. The setting up of LPG distributors is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land 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.