

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

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LPG DEALERS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of LPG dealers appointed in the country including Bihar during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the procedure for opening the said LPG outlets have not started in various districts including Patna inspite of appointment of dealers of various categories particularly those reserved for women belonging to Scheduled Castes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;and
- (d) the time by which the distribution of LPG would start in Patna and other areas of Bihar by the selected dealers ?

**Answer**

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

(a): During the last three years and April – July 2010, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have commissioned 630 LPG distributors in the country including 47 in the State of Bihar.

(b) to (d): The setting up of LPG distributors under all categories including SC (W) category involves advertisement, scrutiny of applications, dispatch of intimation letter to all eligible candidates for interview, declaration of merit panel, field investigation of 1st empanelled candidate, clearance of Court Cases, identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for construction of godown/showroom 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.