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NATIONAL NEW LPG DISTRIBUTOR SCHEME

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

(a) whether the Government has launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Rasoi Gas Vitaran Yojana in the country to provide LPG connections in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of distributors appointed by all marketing companies in the country including Gujarat, area-wise and oil company-wise; and

(d) the number of LPG connections provided in rural area of the country including Gujarat since the launch of the Yojana ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A new scheme of rural LPG distributor namely, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) for small size LPG distribution agencies has been launched on 16.10.2009. Salient features of the scheme are:-

(i) The LPG agencies under the RGGLVY will be of small size requiring lesser finance/infrastructure.

(ii) The distributor himself will manage the agency with the help of his/her family member and one or two employees.

(iii) Age limit for the distributor to be between 21 and 45 years.

(iv) All agencies under this scheme to be in the joint name of husband and wife. In case of applicants who are single the 'spouse' will automatically become a partner after the marriage

(v) Reservation for SC/ST categories has also been provided for.

(vi) The selection of the distributor would be by draw of lots from amongst all candidates who have secured more than 80% marks on the criteria of financial capability and education qualifications.

Advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released in 22 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Puducherry covering 2329 locations. Out of which 49 LPG distributors have already been commissioned.

The State-wise details of LPG distributors appointed under the scheme are as under:-

Name of States No. of distributors

Bihar 5

Chhatisgarh 1

Jharkhand 5

Madhya Pradesh 7

Maharashtra 2

Odisha 1

Rajasthan 24

Uttar Pradesh 3

West Bengal 1

The setting up of LPG distributors under this scheme will now be a continuous process till all parts of the country deficient in LPG are covered by LPG network.

(d): As on 01.10.2010, Oil Marketing Companies have released 6683 LPG connections in the country through the RGGLV distributors.

However, no LPG connection has yet been released in the State of Gujarat as advertisement for selection of RGGLV distributor has been published in October 2010.