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ALLOTMENT OF LPG AGENCIES PETROL PUMPS

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

- (a) the number of LPG agencies/petrol pumps in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the norms laid down by the Government for allotment of LPG agencies;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for providing facilities to the people in such areas wherein gas agencies do not exist ;
- (d) whether any action plan has been prepared by the Government for opening gas agencies/petrol pumps in such areas including Maharashtra ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): As on 01.10.2010, there are 9905 LPG distributorships and 40261 Retail Outlets (ROs) in the country. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b): The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) follow a transparent and uniform procedure for allotment of LPG distributorship. The selection guidelines prescribe common eligibility criteria for various parameters like age, educational qualification, land for construction of godown and showroom, financial capability of the candidate etc. and selection is done through draw of lots from among all the eligible candidates.

(c) to (e): The "Vision 2015" adopted for LPG sector inter-alia focuses on raising the population coverage of LPG with the focus on rural areas and areas where LPG coverage is low. The Vision-2015 envisages to achieve 75% population coverage in the country by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections by 2015 especially in rural areas and under-covered areas. To ensure that growth of LPG usage is evenly spread, OMCs are assessing/ identifying locations in a phased manner under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY).

RGGLVY scheme which primarily aims at providing LPG to the rural house-holds, including BPL families has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released in 22 States covering 2329 locations including 253 locations in the State of Maharashtra. The selection of the same is in progress as per policy.

Similarly, OMCs have proposed to open 997 ROs in the country including in the State of Maharashtra during the period October 2010 to March 2011.