

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

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OPENING OF LPG AGENCY AT BLOCK LEVEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to allot Gas Agency at the block level for distribution of L.P.G. in the rural areas ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the time by which this scheme is proposed to be initiated in the country including Haryana ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme namely Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) for establishing small size LPG distribution agencies for the locations having potential of 600 or more refill sales per month has been launched on 16.10.2009.

RGGLVY scheme primarily aims at providing LPG to the rural house-holds, including BPL families.

To ensure that growth of LPG usage is evenly spread, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are assessing/identifying locations in a phased manner under RGGLVY. OMCs have undertaken to set up 2329 LPG distributors 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. Out of this 49 LPG distributors have already been commissioned. Selection for the rest of the locations is in progress as per policy.

No advertisement for setting up of LPG distributor under this scheme has yet been released in the State of Haryana. However, the setting up of LPG distributors in the rural / under-served areas under this scheme will now be a continuous process till all areas of the country deficient in LPG are covered by LPG network, including the State of Haryana.