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LPG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has given directions to oil companies to prepare roadmap for providing 5.5 crore LPG connections in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the number of waiting LPG connections in Bihar and Gujarat as on date ; and
- (d) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : 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, Oil Marketing Companies (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 households, including BPL families has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently 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. The selection of the same is in progress as per policy.

(c) & (d) : OMCs have reported that at present there is no waiting list for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the State of Gujarat. However, Indian Oil Corporation Limited has reported that as on 01.10.2010, there was a waiting list of 5781 in the State of Bihar. The waiting list is expected to be liquidated by December 2010.