

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

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ALLOTMENT OF SPECIAL QUOTA FOR LPG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) whether there has been a huge backlog of waiting list for LPG connections in various States including Assam, Maharashtra ;
- (b) if so, the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;
- (c) whether the Union Government has planned to release 5.5 crore new LPG connections by 2015 especially in rural areas of the country including Assam, Maharashtra ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): The enrolment of new LPG customers and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process. New LPG connections are made available as soon as possible and in any case, within a period of sixty day of enrollment, upon verification.

While Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has nil waiting list in the country, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have reported that there is a waiting list of 2.59 lakh as on 01.02.2011, including 10,000 of BPCL in the State of Maharashtra and 2,624 of IOC in the State of Assam. The waiting list which is existing as on 01.02.2011 is expected to be liquidated by the end of March, 2011.

(c) & (d): 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 achieve this target and to ensure that growth of LPG usage is evenly spread, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are assessing/identifying locations across the country in a phased manner under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) as also regular distributorship under Industry Marketing Plans.

Advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the RGGLVY scheme have been released in 23 States covering 2428 locations. The State-wise details are at Annex.

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