

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

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RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN RASOI GAS VITRAN YOJANA

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

- (a) whether Government had launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Rasoi Gas Vitran Yojana in the country to provide LPG connections in the villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of distributors appointed by oil marketing companies in the country including Gujarat for this purpose, area-wise and oil company-wise ;
- (d) whether the Government has a proposal to allot LPG agency in Amroha area of Uttar Pradesh under RGGLVY scheme ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of LPG agencies allotted to SC/ST categories under this scheme ; and
- (g) the number of LPG connections given in rural areas of the country including Gujarat since the launch of the Yojana ?

Answer

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

(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) AN 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 23 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Puducherry covering 2428 locations. Out of which 116 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	23
Chhatisgarh	4
Jharkhand	8
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	11
Maharashtra	3
Odisha	2

Rajasthan 43
Tamil Nadu 1
Uttar Pradesh 17
West Bengal 3

(d) & (e): Indian Oil Corporation Limited has issued notice inviting applications for selection of LPG distributor under the scheme RGGLVY in Amroha, District J P Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. The selection process is in progress as per policy.

(f): As on 01.01.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned 30 LPG distributorships in favour of SC/ST categories under the scheme RGGLVY. In addition to this, Letter of Intent have been issued for 92 locations under SC/ST categories.

(g): As on 01.01.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released 43,539 LPG connections in the country through the RGGLV distributors.

However, no LPG connection has been released in the State of Gujarat under the RGGLVY scheme as advertisement for selection of RGGLV distributor has been published recently and no distributor has been commissioned.