

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LPG RETAIL UNITS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are contemplating to increase the distributorship network of LPG all over the country including Madhya Pradesh and Punjab ;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of new agencies proposed to be opened in the country including Madhya Pradesh and Punjab during the current year ;
- (c) the total number of new LPG connections released by OMCs alongwith the quantity of LPG consumed in the country during each of the last three years ; and
- (d) the revenue earned by the Government therefrom ?

Answer

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

(a): In accordance with Vision 2015, it is proposed to raise the LPG population coverage from 50% to 75% in the country including Madhya Pradesh and Punjab by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections between 2009 and 2015 especially in rural areas and uncovered areas.

In order to spread LPG distribution network in rural areas and uncovered areas, a new scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana" (RGGLVY) for establishing small-size LPG distribution agencies, has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently, advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in 26 States covering 3637 locations, including 124 & 113 locations in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Punjab respectively.

(b): OMCs have planned to set up 260 regular LPG distributorships and 501 RGGLVs in the country. The OMCs are in the process of setting up 4 regular LPG distributorships and 9 RGGLVs in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 11 regular distributorships in the State of Punjab.

(c): OMCs have released 243.50 lakhs new LPG connections in the country during the last three years. The details are as under :

Year No. of new connections released (in lakhs)

2008-09	53.18
2009-10	86.21
2010-11	104.11

At present, the indigenous production of LPG is inadequate to meet domestic requirements. The shortfall in availability is met through imports. OMCs have supplied 38,429 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) LPG in the country during the last three years. The details are as under :

[Figures in Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT)]

Year	Domestic	Commercial	Industrial	Auto
	LPG	LPG	LPG	LPG

2008-09	10637	706	252	181
2009-10	11365	872	279	224
2010-11	12369	985	336	223

Total 34371 2563 867 628

(d): The revenue generated (sales value) in selling of 38,429 TMT of LPG by the OMCs during the last three years is approximately Rs. 93,907 crore.