

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

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LPG DISTRIBUTORS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG distributors in Gujarat, district-wise;
- (b) whether there are adequate number of LPG distributors to meet the demand of LPG, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to appoint more distributors to meet the demand of the State ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the norms to appoint LPG distributors in the country ?

Answer

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

(a): As on 01.10.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating 558 LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat. The district-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The existing LPG distributorships of OMCs in the State of Gujarat are sufficient to cater to the customers in the State. However, for accelerating the spread of LPG distribution network in rural areas and uncovered areas, OMCs have planned to set up 42 regular LPG distributorships and 80 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaraks (RGGLVs) in the State of Gujarat. The selection process of the same is on, as per the existing policy.

(d): OMCs follow a transparent and uniform procedure for allotment of LPG distributorship. The selection guidelines for appointment of LPG distributors prescribe common eligibility criteria for various parameters like age, educational qualification, land for construction of godown and showroom, financial capability of the candidate etc. and selection is done through draw of lots from among the eligible candidates.