

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

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

- (a) the current use of LPG in the country, State-wise, in terms of numbers and also in terms of percentage of the total population ;
- (b) whether in many States, not even fifty percent population is covered under LPG ;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve the goal of providing LPG to seventy percent of households in the country by 2015 ;
- (d) whether after withdrawal of subsidy on LPG and after issuing a fixed number of cylinders to a household in a year is it possible to achieve and sustain the set target ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : As on 01.10.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are serving 1312.11 lakh LPG customers in the country, covering approximately 56.5% of the households as on 01.10.2011. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) & (c) : In some States, less than 50% population is covered under LPG. However, in accordance with Vision 2015, it is proposed to raise the country's LPG population coverage from 50% to 75% 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. Advertisements inviting applications for distributorships under the scheme have been released by OMCs in 26 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Puducherry covering 3637 locations. Letters of Intent (LoI) have been issued for 1236 locations out of which 715 distributors have already been commissioned.

(d) & (e) : As regards the proposal to restrict number of cylinders to be supplied at subsidized rate to registered domestic LPG customers, the Government has not yet taken a decision in the matter.