

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

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USE OF UNHEALTHY FUELS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is ensuring that rural people are not forced to use unhealthy fuel like kerosene and firewood ;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard during the last three years and the response received so far in Andhra Pradesh ;
- (c) whether the scheme of Community Kitchen in rural areas is successful; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government has formulated "Vision 2015" under which it is proposed to increase 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. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are assessing/identifying locations in a phased manner for setting up LPG distributorship under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana. During the last three years and the period April 2011 to September 2011, OMCs have commissioned 158 regular LPG distributorships and 75 under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaraks (RGGLVs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c)&(d): As on 01.10.2011, OMCs have set up 3192 community kitchens in the country, including 212 in the State of Andhra Pradesh. OMCs have reported that the community kitchens at hospitals/health centres are operating successfully.