

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

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GAS AGENCIES IN M.P.  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the company-wise details of the gas agencies functioning in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh (MP) ;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that gas agencies need to be opened in many places of the district including Byabra ;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in the district in this regard ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the details of the plan formulated by the Government regarding allotment of gas agencies in various places of the district including Byabra ?

**Answer**

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

(a) : There is no district by the name of Raigarh and no location by the name of Byabra in the State of Madhya Pradesh. However, there is a district by the name of Rajgarh and a place called Biora. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

are operating 7 regular LPG distributorships and 3 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran (RGGLV) distributorships in Rajgarh district, including 2 regular distributorship in Biora, in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The Company-wise details are as under :-

Name of OMC Regular LPG distributorships RGGLVs

IOC	2	3
BPCL	2	Nil
HPCL	3	Nil

(b) to (e) : The population of the location, economic status, purchasing ability, per capita consumption of LPG of nearby existing market of LPG, etc are the factors taken into account in the feasibility study. Feasibility study for opening of LPG distributorships is carried out by OMCs from time to time in the entire country, including Madhya Pradesh and all feasible locations are included in the plan for setting up of regular distributorship or under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY).

OMCs have proposed to open 4 regular LPG distributorships and 3 RGGLV distributorships in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh. However, there is no proposal for opening of additional LPG distributorship at Biora.