

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

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

- (a) the ratio of number of domestic LPG consumers to the number of the LPG distributors throughout the country both in rural and urban areas ;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the ratio in this regard ;
- (c) whether a large number of applications are lying pending for LPG distributorship under different quotas for many years throughout the country ; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a): The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are serving about 849.67 lakh domestic LPG consumers in urban areas and 503.06 lakh in rural areas through their 7,036 urban LPG distributorships and 4,183 rural LPG distributorships respectively, in the ratio of 12,076 customers per one LPG distributorship in urban and 12,026 customers per one LPG distributorship in rural areas of the country.
 - (b): "Vision-2015" adopted by this Ministry envisages raising 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 under-covered areas.
 - (c) & (d) : OMCs have reported that 1,492 regular LPG distributorships and 3,380 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran (RGGLV) distributorships, under various categories are pending for commissioning in the country, due to non-receipt of various mandatory licences and approvals, disposal of complaints/litigation, pending court cases, etc. The State-wise details are at Annex.
- Commissioning of pending distributorships is subject to the above- mentioned factors and the OMCs are pursuing early commissioning.