

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

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

- (a) the number of LPG distributors in Punjab, district-wise ;
- (b) whether there are less number of LPG distributors in Punjab as compared to other States;
- (c) the norms to appoint LPG distributors in the country ;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to appoint more distributors to meet the demand from the people of Punjab; and
- (e) if so, the 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 operating 464 LPG distributorships in the State of Punjab. The district-wise details are at Annex.

(b) : The existing LPG distributorships of OMCs in the State of Punjab are sufficient to cater to the needs of the customers in the State.

(c) : The locations for setting up of LPG distributorship are identified jointly by the OMCs, based on available refill sale potential, which can sustain operation of an LPG distributorship. The refill sale potential is based on several factors including population, population growth rate, economic prosperity of the location etc. Based on the population of the town, the refill ceiling limit has been fixed as under :-

Type of Market	Monthly refill ceiling
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Town with < 10 lakh population	8000
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Town with 10 to 20 lakh population	10000
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Town with 20 to 40 lakh population	12000
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Town with > 40 lakh population	15000
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In case of the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY), a potential sale of 600 refills is considered while deciding to open of a RGGLV distributorship.

(d) & (e): For accelerating the spread of LPG distribution network in rural areas and uncovered areas, OMCs have released advertisement for setting up of 39 regular LPG distributorships and 127 RGGLV distributorships in the State of Punjab.