

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:301
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LPG OUTLETS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG outlets commissioned by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies and also under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) in the rural areas of the country since 2009, year-wise and State/UT-wise ;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open more such retail outlets in the rural areas during the next three years ;
- (c) if so, the locations proposed/identified for the purpose during the above period, State/UT-wise alongwith funds allocated therefore ;
- (d) whether any time frame has been fixed for opening of such units and if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the other steps taken to meet the demand and improve availability of LPG in the rural areas ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 301 BY SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN AND SHRI R. K. SINGH PATEL TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH APRIL, 2012 REGARDING LPG OUTLETS IN RURAL AREAS.

(a) : During the period from 2009 to 2012, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have commissioned 905 regular LPG distributorships and 1026 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran (RGGLV) distributorships, in the country. The State-wise/UT-wise details are at Annex-I.

(b) & (c) : For accelerating the spread of LPG distribution network in rural areas, OMCs have planned to set up RGGLV distributorships in 3786 locations in the rural areas of the country from the year 2012-13 to 2014-15. The State-wise/UT-wise details are at Annex-II.

(d) : Setting up of LPG distributorship is a long process involving advertisement, receipt/scrutiny of application forms, selection of the candidates, field verification, setting up of the infrastructure, procurement of various mandatory licences and approvals followed by commissioning.

(e) : The Government has formulated the "Vision-2015" aiming to raise the country's LPG population coverage to 75% by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections by 2015, especially in rural areas and under-covered areas, for which a scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana" (RGGLVY) was launched on 16.10.2009.