

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:831
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ALLOTMENT OF GAS AGENCIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of block headquarters in Bihar where gas agencies have been allotted ;
- (b) the number of blocks in the State where they are still to be allotted ; (
- (c) the time by which gas agencies are likely to be allotted in the remaining blocks ; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to supply gas to the rural customers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) : As on 01.07.2009, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating LPG distributorships in 167 Block Head Quarters in the State of Bihar out of 533 Block Head Quarters.
- (b) & (c) : OMCs have planned to set up new LPG distributorships in 61 more Block Head Quarters in the State of Bihar. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances. It is not possible to indicate any time frame for setting up of LPG distributorships.
- (d) : In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme is proposed to be implemented. Details of the scheme will be notified shortly.