

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

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INCREASE IN LPG DISTRIBUTION CENTRE IN KARNATAKA

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

- (a) the action proposed by the Government to arrest the crisis of LPG in Karnataka ;
- (b) whether there is any new proposal to increase the LPG distribution centre in the said State ; and (
- (c) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including in the State of Karnataka and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

(b) & (c) : As on 01.06.2009, OMCs are serving 61.61 lakh LPG customers through 485 LPG distributorships in the State of Karnataka, covering about 59.2% of the estimated population. OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 62 locations in the State of Karnataka for setting up of new LPG distributorships, mainly in rural and urban- rural (semi-urban) locations. The advertisements for all the locations have been released and selection for the same is in progress as per policy.