

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WAITING LIST FOR LPG CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the waiting list for LPG connections in Buldhana region of Maharashtra at present;
- (b) the number of LPG customers vis-a-vis the number of LPG agencies functioning in this region; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to set up more LPG agencies in this region along with the time frame set in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) : While Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported nil waiting list in Buldhana district of Maharashtra, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has reported that there is a waiting list of 352 as on 01.07.2012 for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in Buldhana district.

(b) : As on 01.07.2012, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, IOC, BPCL and HPCL were operating 18 regular LPG distributorships, including 2 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaraks (RGGLVs) in Buldhana district of Maharashtra. Through these distributorships, OMCs are serving about 2.19 lakh LPG customers.

(c) Two regular LPG distributorships are in various stages of commissioning in Buldhana district of Maharashtra. In addition to this, advertisement for setting up of 3 RGGLVs was released by IOC in Buldhana district of Maharashtra and the selection is in progress as per existing policy.

However, 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.