

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

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LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIPS

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

(a) whether due to the absence of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributorships of various Oil Marketing Companies in rural areas, the number of LPG consumers in these areas is much lower than that in the Urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of LPG distributorships appointed in rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for providing LPG connections to rural consumers and strengthening the LPG distribution network in rural areas of the country ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) : In order to spread LPG distribution network in rural areas and uncovered areas, a new scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana" (RGGLVY) for establishing small-size LPG distribution agencies, was launched on 16.10.2009. Moreover, regular LPG distributorships are also operating in rural areas. As on 01.03.2013 the number of LPG distributors commissioned in rural areas under RGGLVY and regular distributorships are 1845 & 460 respectively and customers thereof are 457.20 Lakh.

The State/UT wise details of LPG distributorships in rural areas for the period from April'2009 to Feb'2013 is at Annexure.

The setting up of LPG distributors in the rural/ under-served areas is a continuous process.