

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumers in rural areas is significantly lower than the urban LPG consumers in the country as the petroleum companies do not have distribution network in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the LPG distribution network in the rural areas ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : The total number of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumers of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies in rural areas, as on 01.11.2013, are 517.50 lakhs, as compared to 1078.96 Lakhs in Urban areas.

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 01.11.2013 the number of LPG distributors commissioned in rural areas under RGGLVY is 2490.

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