

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

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ALLOTMENT OF LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of LPG distributorships allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) categories during the year 2013, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a number of applications for allotment of LPG distributorships received from persons belonging to SCs/ STs categories are pending with the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Punjab; and
- (d) the time by which LPG distributorships are likely to be allotted to these persons ?

Answer

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

- (a) State/UT-wise number of LPG distributorships allotted/Letter of Intent (LoI) issued to the persons of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) during the year 2013 is at Annexure I.
- (b) & (c) : State/UT-wise number of locations advertised but pending for appointment of LPG distributorship reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) as on 01.01.2014 is at Annexure II.
- (d) : Allotment of LPG distributorships involves the process of advertisement, scrutiny of applications, conducting draw among eligible applicants, field verification of the candidate selected in draw, placement of Letter of Intent (LoI) on the candidate successful in field verification.

The allotment of LPG distributorship gets affected due to various reasons like complaints, court cases, nil applicants, applicants getting rejected during scrutiny, redraw due to quorum not available, rejection of candidates during Field Verification of Credentials (FVC) etc. Once the candidate gets rejected during FVC then re-draw has to be conducted. This process goes on till all the eligible candidates for draw are exhausted. In view of the above, it is difficult to fix a timeframe by which the distributorships are likely to be allotted.