

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:14

ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009

RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN RASOI GAS VITRAN YOJANA

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

(a) whether the Government has launched the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Rasoi Gas Vitran Yojana in various States to provide gas connections to the households in the villages ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) number of dealers/distributors appointed in various States including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala for this purpose ; and

(d) the number and the names of States which have so far availed of this facility ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 14 BY PROF.(DR.) RANJAN PRASAD YADAV AND SHRI NITYANANDA PRADHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2009 REGARDING RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN RASOI GAS VITRAN YOJANA.

(a) to (d) : In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) for establishing small size LPG distribution agencies for locations having potential of 600 or more refill sales per month has been formulated. Salient features of the scheme are :-

(i) The LPG agencies under the RGGLVY will be of small size requiring lesser finance/ infrastructure.

(ii) The distributor himself will manage the agency with the help of his/her family member and one or two employees.

(iii) Age limit for the distributor to be between 21 and 45 years.

(iv) All agencies under this scheme to be in the joint name of husband and wife. In case of applicants who are single the 'spouse' will automatically become a partner after the marriage

(v) Reservation for SC/ST categories has also been provided for.

(vi) The selection of the distributor would be by draw of lots from amongst all candidates who have secured more than 80% marks on the criteria of financial capability and education qualifications.

The scheme has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisement inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in 8 States where the reach of LPG is low namely, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1215 locations. The State- wise details are as under :-

Name of States	No. of locations	Date of advertisement
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Bihar	251	17.10.2009
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Chhatisgarh	39	19.10.2009
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Jharkhand	80	17.10.2009
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Madhya Pradesh 97 19.10.2009

Orissa 101 20.10.2009

Rajasthan 192 17.10.2009

Uttar Pradesh 280 17.10.2009

West Bengal 175 17.10.2009

After the advertisement is issued, the commissioning process involves receipt of application forms, scrutiny of the same, selection of the candidates, field verification of the credentials of the selected candidate, setting up of the infrastructure, procurement of various mandatory licenses. At present, no distributor has been commissioned under the scheme.