

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:315

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009

EXPANSION OF RGGLVY

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend "Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana" (RGGLVY) to all parts of the country in order to increase rural penetration of LPG and to cover remote areas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the scheme will be fully implemented in all parts of the country?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 315 BY SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA AND SHRI A. VENKATA RAMI REDDY TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2009 REGARDING EXPANSION OF RGGLVY.

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. As per the "Vision-2015" adopted for LPG sector, 5.5 crore new LPG connections are targeted to be released by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) by the year 2015 to raise LPG population coverage to 75%. The focus would be on rural areas and areas where LPG coverage is low.

As a step towards achieving this objective, a new scheme of rural LPG distributor namely, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana (RGGLVY) for small size LPG distribution agencies has been launched on 16.10.2009. Advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released 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

Bihar 251 17.10.2009

Chhatisgarh 39 19.10.2009

Jharkhand 80 17.10.2009

Madhya Pradesh 97 19.10.2009

Orissa 101 20.10.2009

Rajasthan 192 17.10.2009

Uttar Pradesh 280 17.10.2009

Identification of locations under RGGLVY for other States of the country is in progress. The setting up of LPG distributors under this scheme will now be a continuous process till all parts of the country are covered by LPG network. However, no time limit can be indicated for achieving 100% LPG coverage.