

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

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL LPG DEALERSHIP

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the LPG agencies/petrol pumps as on date ;
- (b) the criteria fixed by the Government for the allotment of LPG agency/petrol pumps in urban and rural areas ;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide this facility in those areas where LPG agency/petrol pumps is not set up ;
- (d) whether the Government have prepared any action plan to set up more LPG agencies /petrol pumps in the country during the year 2009-10; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a): As on 01.10.2009, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 9,427 LPG distributors and 35,454 Retail Outlets (ROs) in the country. The State-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

(b): OMCs have freedom to set up LPG distributors/RO dealerships as per their commercial consideration based on feasibility and economic viability of the selected locations as per their own guidelines, which are available on the websites of the concerned OMCs as well as at their Regional/State Offices.

(c) to (e) :In accordance with Vision 2015, it is proposed to raise the LPG population coverage from 50% to 75% by releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections till 2015 especially in rural areas and uncovered areas and also examine the possibility of providing RO/Kisan Seva Kendra (KSS) within 15 km from every citizen.

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.

The scheme has been launched on 16.10.2009 and subsequently advertisement inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released by OMCs in 8 States where the reach of LPG is very low namely, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal covering 1215 locations.

OMCs have also reported that they have planned to set up 2263 more ROs in the country during the year 2009-10.