

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

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OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to open more LPG agencies in Gujarat during 2009-10 for fulfilling the demand of people in the State ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof district-wise ; and
- (c) the time by which new LPG agencies are likely to be opened ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As on 01.10.2009, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 545 LPG agencies in the State of Gujarat.

OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 1340 locations in the country including 41 in the State of Gujarat for setting up of new LPG agencies, mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The advertisements for all the locations have been released and selection for the same is in progress as per policy. The district-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

The selection of candidate for LPG agencies is made by OMCs themselves, in terms of laid down guidelines. Commissioning / opening of distributors involves Field Verification of Credentials of the selected candidate, construction of godown/ showroom and obtaining statutory clearances. It is therefore, not possible to indicate any time frame for commissioning/ opening of LPG agencies, but every effort is made to do so as quickly as possible.