

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many districts of Karnataka like Raichur, Bellary, Davangere, Chitradurga etc. have less than 5 per cent of households using LPG ;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to allot more LPG connections in these districts ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF 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 486 LPG agencies in the State of Karnataka. Through these agencies, OMCs are serving about 63.9 lakh LPG customers including 5.43 lakh LPG customers in Raichur, Bellary, Davangere and Chitradurga district of Karnataka.

(b) & (c): OMCs do not made any allocation for release of new LPG connections, per se, and the entire demand for new connections is being met by existing LPG agencies with connections being released within a period of 60 days, after due verification.