

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

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SELECTION OF LPG DISTRIBUTORS

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

- (a) whether interviews were conducted by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for selection of LPG Distributors for the period from 01 April, 2007 to 31 March, 2009 ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of LPG Distributors commissioned by PSUs, OMCs during that period ;
- (c) whether any complaints had been received by the Government against the selection for LPG Distributors made by PSUs, OMCs particularly from Northern Region ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the period 1st April 2007 – 31st March 2009, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have conducted interviews for 812 locations for setting up of LPG distributors in the country, out of which 138 LPG distributors have been commissioned. The details are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

(c) to (e): During the period 1st April 2007 – 31st March 2009, OMCs have received 594 complaints against the selection of LPG distributors in the country including 104 from Northern Region. All the complaints are investigated by the competent authorities of concerned OMCs as per policy under the grievance redressal system.