

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LPG OUTLETS

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

- (a) the per capita allocation and consumption of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Kerosene in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for variation in per capita allocation of PDS Kerosene/ LPG among various States/ UTs;
- (b) the quantum of LPG and kerosene supplied by the Government to the States during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the quantum of LPG/Kerosene imported during the said period. State/UT-wise and the steps taken by the Government to fill the gap between demand and supply of LPG and Kerosene:
- (c) the total number of LPG outlets, number of consumers registered with them along with the total number of LPG consumers in terms of percentage of the total population of the country, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (d) whether the Government intends to open more LPG outlets and issue new connections to meet the demand and remove the shortage of cooking gas particularly in rural areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken and being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Per capita LPG consumption varies from State to State depending upon the consumption pattern of the people of that State. Consumption pattern is influenced by the factors such as availability of alternate cooking fuels for people in the State, degree of urbanization, life style and eating preference of families etc. The per household consumption of LPG during the last three years i.e 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14 was approximately 102.5 Kg, 96.5 Kg & 92.2 Kg /annum respectively.

State/UT-wise per capita consumption of LPG during last three years and the period from April-May 2014 is different for the three Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) viz. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and is given at Annexure I, II & III respectively.

OMCs have reported that the assessment of requirement of LPG in the country is made on annual basis for planning the imports as indigenous production of LPG is less than the demand. The projected demand is monitored on regular basis and necessary changes in the projections are made based on the prevailing sales trend, change in policies or any other factor which may influence the demand. Action is taken accordingly to meet any fluctuation in demand of LPG due to such factors. The Quantum of LPG domestically produced & imported during last three years and for April-May, 2014 is as under :

Year	Domestically produced in TMT	Quantity in TMT imported to meet demand
2011-12	9554	5790
2012-13	9830	6293
2013-14	10115	6607
April-May2014	1561	1288

Historical allocations of PDS Kerosene made in the past and other factors inter alia, LPG coverage adjustments and logistic constraints in certain states have a bearing on the allocation, resulting in variation in Per Capita PDS Kerosene. The scale of SKO distribution is decided by the State governments. State-UT-wise per capita allocation, based on Census Population of PDS SKO during last three year and current year i.e. 2011-12 to 2014-15 is at Annexure IV

In so far as distribution and allotment of PDS SKO to PDS beneficiaries is concerned, it is done by the respective State Governments and the data on the actual number of beneficiaries is not available with this Ministry and thus per capita consumption cannot be arrived at. The State-wise allocation of SKO during last 3 years & for 1st two quarters of the current year is at Annexure V.

The import of Kerosene in the country during last three years and current year is as under :-

Product 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 (P) 2014-15 (April-May) (P)  
Kerosene 564 0 0 30

(c) : As on 01.06.2014, OMCs have appointed 10893 regular LPG distributorships and 3180 RGGLVs covering 64.7% of households in the entire country. State/UT-wise details of LPG distributors and customers registered with them along with the number of LPG consumers in terms of percentage of the State is available with the Director (Marketing) of concerned OMCs.

(d) & (e) : As per the Vision-2015 formulated by the Government, the target is to raise the countrys LPG population coverage from 50% to 75%, which includes rural areas also.

For expansion of LPG network especially in rural areas, OMCs are appointing LPG distributors under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojana (RGGLVY) as well as Regular under Industry Marketing Plans.

As on 01.06.2014, the details of LPG distributorships which under various stages of selection process is as under :-

Type of Distributorship	No. of Pending LoI for commissioning	No of locations advertised pending for issuance of LoI
Regular LPG Distributorship (Against various Marketing Plan)	520	4533
RGGLV	1477	3107