

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP

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

(a) the norms/criteria/guidelines laid down for allotment/opening of LPG Agencies/distributorship in the country along with the details of LPG Agencies/ distributorship opened/to be opened in the country during the last three years and the current year, Oil Marketing Company (OMC) State/UT-wise including North Eastern Region;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target for opening of LPG distributorship/connections for the next three years across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/OMC-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand the existing LPG network within the stipulated time- frame for providing LPG connections to every household including setting up of LPG Agencies at each panchayat level;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of consumers registered so far with various distributors in the country along with the number of new connections provided including clearing the waiting list. State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether there is mismatch in demand and supply of LPG across the country and if so. the details thereof along with the concrete steps taken in this regard, State/UT-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
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(a) to (d) : Appointment of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and the locations for setting up LPG distributorships are identified based on refill sale potential that will economically sustain the distributorship. In case the location is found as feasible, it is included in the Industry Marketing Plan (Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) or Regular LPG distributorship) and advertised subsequently.

The selection guideline for LPG distributorship is available on the website of the respective oil marketing companies i.e .  
[www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com)  
[www.ebharatqas.com](http://www.ebharatqas.com)  
[www.hindustanpetroleum.com](http://www.hindustanpetroleum.com)

No target has been fixed for opening of LPG distributorships or release of new connections for the next three years. State/UT-wise number of LPG distributorship Advertised, Letter of Intent (LoI) issued and distributorship commissioned in the country including the States of North Eastern regions during last three years and for the period from April 2014 to January 2015 is at Annexure I.

State/UT-wise number of new domestic LPG connections released, number of domestic consumers registered with various distributors in the country and the waiting list for release of new connections as on 01.02.2015 during last three years and for the period from April 2014 to January 2015 is at Annexure II.

As per the Vision 2015 for the Oil Industry on "Consumer Satisfaction and Beyond" approved by MoP&NG in 2009 and further discussions on Perspective Plan, National LPG coverage has to be increased to 75%, with the district & State LPG coverage of minimum 50% & 60% respectively and at least one distributor in each block. (As per a recent assessment 97% of blocks were found to be covered by at least one LPG distributorship). To achieve this target, OMCs are continuously appointing new LPG distributors. OMCs have already released 7.1 Crore new domestic LPG connections during the period July'09 to Jan '15, as against the target of 5.5 Crores as per Vision 2015.

(e): OMCs have reported that the assessment of requirement of LPG in the country is made on annual basis. Imports are planned as indigenous production of LPG is less than the demand. The projected demand is monitored regularly and mid-course corrections are made based on the prevailing sales trend, change in policies or any other factors which may influence the demand. Action is then taken to meet the fluctuation in demand of LPG.

For the current year 2015, demand of 18.4 MMT of LPG and indigenous availability of 10.2 MMT of LPG has been projected for the country. To meet this demand, import of 8.2 MMT of LPG has already been tied up.

