

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:13
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2014
EXPANSION OF LPG NETWORK
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributors in the country particularly in Odisha, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the LPG network in the country, especially in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the roadmap prepared for the purpose; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to cover more areas and ensure efficient customer service to consumers ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 13 BY SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH JULY, 2014 REGARDING EXPANSION OF LPG NETWORK.

(a) : State/UT-wise number of existing Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributors in the country including the State of Odisha is at Annexure I.

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

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

As on 01.06.2014, OMCs have appointed 10893 regular LPG distributorships and 3180 RGGLVs covering 64.7% of households in the entire country.

Some of steps taken by OMCs to improve customer service are at Annexure-II