

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
COOKING GAS FOR RURAL HOUSEHOLDS .

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is ensuring that rural people are not forced to use unhealthy fuel like kerosene and firewood; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction during the last three years and the response received so far in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) : Government is encouraging use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) which is a cleaner fuel in comparison with Kerosene, firewood etc. in rural areas by setting up of rural distributorships with the launch of the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojna. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been releasing advertisement for appointing regular LPG distributorship to cater the rural areas throughout the country from time to time.

In the state of Andhra Pradesh the following steps have been taken for extending LPG usage to rural areas:

- (i) LPG distributorships are being appointed by OMCs under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitran Yojna.
- (ii) Regular LPG distributorships are being appointed by OMCs under the Marketing Plans and most of them shall cater to the rural areas.
- (iii) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have been operating a scheme named "Deepam" for releasing new LPG connections to BPL families.