

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2546  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**Expanding network of LPG distributors**

2546 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand its network of LPG distributors in the country and if so, details thereof along with the number of new distributors included/proposed to be included, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether distribution/awarding of LPG dealership is being done online to bring in more transparency in awarding distributorships and if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government also proposes to reorganise the distributors of LPG all over the country to meet the demand of common people and if so, the details thereof along with any consultation with concerned States and oil companies in this regard and the out come thereof, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c) Appointment of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified based on sale potential that makes them commercially viable. As on 01.07.2022, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have 25,303 LPG distributors across the country. Under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) advertised 6415 locations for appointment of LPG distributors on all India basis out of which 5376 locations have been commissioned, State/UT-wise details are at **Annexure**.

The process of applying for LPG distributorship has been greatly simplified and a transparent online selection process has been introduced. All applicants are required to submit their application on web-based portal <https://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in>. The online selection process includes, online receipt of application, processing and online draw of lots etc. Online draw of lots is conducted by M/s Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd.(MSTC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking, with assistance of National Informatics Centre(NIC).

To provide better customer satisfaction and impetus for distributors for providing better services, LPG consumers have been given the choice to switch from his/her present distributor to another distributor within area, as per his/her choice under the portability facility. Further, the LPG customers can also switch to a new distributor at the time of booking of refill.

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## Annexure

**Annexure referred to part (a) to (c) of Unstarred Rajys Sabha Parliament Question No. 2546 to be answered on 08.08.2022 asked by Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik regarding “Expanding network of LPG distributors”**

**Details of the location Advertised for LPG distributors and Distributorship Commissioned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)**

| STATE                     | Locations Advertised | Commissioned |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Andhra Pradesh            | 150                  | 106          |
| Arunachal Pradesh         | 16                   | 16           |
| Assam                     | 166                  | 133          |
| Bihar                     | 997                  | 898          |
| Chhattisgarh              | 77                   | 65           |
| Delhi                     | 0                    | 0            |
| Goa                       | 3                    | 1            |
| Gujarat                   | 321                  | 258          |
| Haryana                   | 55                   | 52           |
| Himachal Pradesh          | 51                   | 40           |
| Jharkhand                 | 312                  | 182          |
| Karnataka                 | 238                  | 204          |
| Kerala                    | 97                   | 78           |
| Madhya Pradesh            | 348                  | 291          |
| Maharashtra               | 468                  | 399          |
| Manipur                   | 18                   | 18           |
| Meghalaya                 | 20                   | 14           |
| Mizoram                   | 2                    | 2            |
| Nagaland                  | 23                   | 21           |
| Odisha                    | 433                  | 363          |
| Punjab                    | 28                   | 26           |
| Rajasthan                 | 335                  | 280          |
| Sikkim                    | 18                   | 11           |
| Tamil Nadu                | 308                  | 270          |
| Telangana                 | 79                   | 61           |
| Tripura                   | 24                   | 14           |
| Uttar Pradesh             | 1051                 | 1019         |
| Uttarakhand               | 78                   | 51           |
| West Bengal               | 631                  | 464          |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 7                    | 3            |
| Chandigarh                | 0                    | 0            |
| Dadra & N. Haveli         | 2                    | 0            |
| Daman & Diu               | 0                    | 0            |
| Jammu & Kashmir           | 54                   | 35           |
| Ladakh                    | 3                    | 1            |
| Lakshadweep               | 1                    | 0            |
| Puducherry                | 1                    | 0            |
| <b>All India</b>          | <b>6415</b>          | <b>5376</b>  |