

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1410
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OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES

1410 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

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

- (a) the details of LPG agencies opened at present by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) under various schemes and to reserved categories during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the distribution/awarding of LPG dealership is being done online to bring in more transparency in awarding distributorships;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government also proposes to re-organise the distributors of LPG all over the country to meet the demand of common people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with any consultation with the concerned States and oil companies in this regard and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) As per Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships, 2016, Oil Marketing Companies advertises four types of distributorships viz. Sheheri Vitrak, Rurban Vitrak, Gramin Vitrak and Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak. Category wise/year wise details of LPG distributorships commissioned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) across all types of distributorships during the last three years and in the current year are as under:

Period	SC/ST	OBC	General	Total
Apr'22-Jan'23	28	26	54	108
Apr'21-Mar'22	58	36	120	214
Apr'20-Mar'21	128	99	267	494
Apr'19-Mar'20	250	216	518	984

Source- Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies

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.lpgvitarachayan.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 MSTC Ltd., 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.