

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 432**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**NEW LPG AGENCIES**

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पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new LPG agencies in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for selection of locations for opening of LPG agencies;
- (b) the State-wise number of LPG agencies likely to be opened and the time by which the distribution of LPG is likely to be started by such agencies, State/UT/OMC-wise;
- (c) whether the Oil Marketing Companies have put on hold the proposal for expansion of LPG network by appointing a large number of distributors across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for withholding the expansion and the total number of distributors proposed to be appointed, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the OMCs have collected any deposit from prospective distributors and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to refund their money, State/UT/OMC-wise; and
- (f) whether the existing distributors are having any ceiling limit of consumers and if so, the number of distributors having LPG consumers over and above the ceiling limit and the steps taken for efficient customer service by the OMCs across the country, State/UT/OMC-wise?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)  
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) Appointment of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) based on the refill sales potential that makes them commercially viable. OMCs have recently advertised 6149 LPG distributorships across the country (mostly in rural areas). State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

(c) to (e) No, Madam. OMCs have advertised to set up new LPG distributorships in 6149 locations across the country.

(f) Under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG distributorship, the refill ceiling limit considered for feasibility to set up different types of distributorship is as under –

Distributorship area	Population as per census 2011	Refill ceiling limit per month	Refill sale per month for feasibility limit
Sheheri Vitrak	Cities with population > 40 lakh	20,000	10,000
	Cities with 20 to 40 lakh polulation	15,000	7,500
	Cities with 10 to 20 lakh population	12,000	6,000
Rurban Vitrak	Towns with < 10 lakh population	10,000	5,000
Gramin Vitrak	Village/cluster of villages	5,000	2,500
Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak	Village/cluster of villages	1,500	600

On the basis of feasibility carried out by OMCs, 6149 new locations have been identified by them and advertised to set up new distributorships.

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State/UTs-wise details of LPG distributorships advertised under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG distributorship		
S.No	State/UTs	No. of Advertised location
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	140
3	Arunachal Pradesh	16
4	Bihar	998
5	Chhattisgarh	81
6	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2
7	Goa	4
8	Gujarat	319
9	Haryana	56
10	Himachal Pradesh	46
11	Jammu and Kashmir	56
12	Jharkhand	312
13	Karnataka	238
14	Kerala	93
15	Madhya Pradesh	355
16	Maharashtra	452
17	Manipur	18
18	Meghalaya	20
19	Mizoram	2
20	Nagaland	23
22	Odisha	400
23	Puducherry	1
24	Punjab	26
25	Rajasthan	335
26	Sikkim	18
27	Tamil Nadu	298
28	Telangana	78
29	Tripura	14
30	Uttar Pradesh	1033
31	Uttarakhand	77
32	West Bengal	631
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6149</b>