

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2032
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2018**

Setting up of LPG Distributors

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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 expand its network of LPG distributors in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of new distributors included/proposed to be included, State/UT-wise especially in Punjab; and

(b) whether the distribution/awarding of LPG dealership is being done online to bring in more transparency in awarding distributorships and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) As on 01.07.2018, there are 20585 LPG distributorships in country. With a view to strengthen the LPG distribution infrastructure, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have advertised 6351 locations including 26 locations in the State of Punjab for selection of new LPG Distributorships under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships 2016.

(b) New distributors are selected through online process which includes online receipt of application, processing and online draw of lots. Online draw of lots is conducted by M/s Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd.(MSTC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel, with the assistance of National Informatics Centre(NIC).