## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2529 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST, 2023

## NEW GAS AGENCIES AND PETROL PUMPS IN MAHARASHTRA

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment to identify appropriate locations to open new gas agencies and petrol pumps for supplying domestic gas across Maharashtra including Nanded and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of proposals received from the State Government of Maharashtra, private agencies and public representatives to open new gas agencies and petrol pumps at appropriate locations;
- (c) the number of new gas agencies/petrol pumps out of them selected for the advertisements; and
- (d) the details of locations identified in Nanded district and the time by which advertisements are likely to be published?

## **ANSWER**

## पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली) MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) & (b) Expansion of LPG distributorships and Retail Outlet (RO) network across the country is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of petroleum fuels such as LPG, petrol and diesel. Locations for setting up of LPG distributorships and Retail Outlets are identified by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) based on sale potential that makes them commercially viable. Further, proposals received from State Governments, Public representatives etc. for opening of LPG distributorships/Retail Outlets are examined for feasibility based on extant guidelines and feasible locations are included in the marketing plan and advertised accordingly.
- (c) & (d) Details of LPG distributorships advertised and commissioned in the State of Maharashtra and Nanded district under Unified Guidelines of Selection of LPG distributorships 2016 are as under:-

State/District	Locations advertised	Locations commissioned (till 01.07.2023)
Maharashtra	467	410
Nanded	26	24

OMCs have recently advertised 5186 locations for setting up of Retail Outlets in the State of Maharashtra which includes 156 locations in Nanded district.

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