

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3410**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

Fake Cases in LPG Distribution

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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 cases of fake advertisement and fraud in the name of Petroleum and Natural Gas through LPG distribution centre have come to light, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the LPG distribution during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the set targets, if not, the details of the steps the Government proposes to take in the future;
- (d) whether the Government has entered into partnership with private companies for LPG distribution;
- (e) if so, the details of the selected companies in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) It has been observed that some unscrupulous persons/agencies have fraudulently created fake websites under different domain names for allotment of LPG distributorships of the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) by using the emblem of Government of India, monogram of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) logo and stamps of Petroleum & Explosive Safety Organization (PESO) and Oil Marketing Companies.

(b) & (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 01.11.2019, there are 24204 LPG distributorship across the country. The details of LPG distributorship commissioned during the last three years and the current year are as under :-

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20(April to October 2019)
896	1390	3626	505

(d) to (f) To meet the growing demands of LPG, OMCs have initiated steps for establishment of Private Bottling Plants in various areas and have floated tenders for 60 locations including in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

