

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 15
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th January, 2026**

LPG Distributorships and Delivery Points

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the current number of LPG distributorships and delivery points operating in Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram and Ramanathapuram districts;
- (b) the population to distributor ratio and its adequacy for ensuring timely LPG access;
- (c) whether proposals exist for establishing new LPG distributorships, godowns or bottling plants in the said districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the criteria used for selecting locations for new LPG infrastructure; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to improve last-mile delivery in remote and underserved habitations?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (e): Appointment of LPG distributorships by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified and advertised under Unified Selection Guidelines 2016.

The process of applying for LPG distributorship has been greatly simplified and a transparent online selection process is in place. All applicants are required to submit their application on web-based portal <https://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in>. The online selection process includes, online receipt of application, processing and online draw of lots etc. Detailed guidelines on eligibility, infrastructure requirement of land for LPG godown, approach road for godown, Showroom, infrastructure for home delivery of LPG cylinders etc. along with the details of selection process are given at www.lpgvitrakchayan.in.

As of January 01, 2026, there are a total of 25,596 LPG distributorships across the country, out of which 17,668 are serving rural areas. In order to improve access of LPG in rural and remote areas, OMCs have commissioned 8027 distributorships, during 01.04.2016 to 31.12.2025 across the country, out of which 7434 (i.e. 93 %) are catering to rural areas. As on 01.01.2026, OMCs have total 124 LPG distributors in the districts of Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram and Ramanathapuram in the State of Tamil Nadu.

To further improve last-mile delivery in remote and underserved habitations, OMCs have taken several measures, including commissioning of rural and remote-area distributorships, appointment of Common Service Center - Village Level Entrepreneur (CSC VLEs), use of technology for order booking and tracking. The details of Number of LPG distributorship, other delivery points and bottling plants are at **Annexure-A**.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 15 to be answered on 29.01.2026 regarding “LPG Distributorships and Delivery Points”.

State	District	Total LPG Distributors	CSC-VLEs etc.	No. of Bottling Plants
Tamil Nadu	TIRUVANNAMALAI	56	125	0
Tamil Nadu	KANCHIPURAM	38	136	1
Tamil Nadu	RAMANATHAPURAM	30	62	0
Total		124	323	1

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs