

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government was to commission over 3400 LPG distributorship during Ninth Five Year Plan under various plans ;
- (b) if so, the number of LPG distributorships set up during Ninth Five Year Plan in the country ;
- (c) the reasons for not achieveing the target ; and
- (d) the measures taken to achieve the same in rural areas and in small and medium cities ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned 2,115 LPG distributorships during the 9th Five Year Plan. However, there is no co-relation between the marketing plan approved by the Government and the Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d) : Consequent upon the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), OMCs will set up the LPG distributorships per their commercial considerations in all the States.