

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

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SETTING UP OF LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made efforts to set up more LPG distributorships in the country particularly in Gujarat ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise ; (
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to set up more LPG distributorships during the year 2007-2008 ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : Government have given freedom to OMCs to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining an independent distributorship.

OMCs have commissioned 1070 LPG distributorships in the country including 23 LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat during the last two years and up to December, 2006. The State-wise details of LPG distributorships are available with Director(Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

(c) & (d) : Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi-urban and rural areas. OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 791 locations for setting up LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The State-wise details of LPG distributorships are available with Director (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identification of suitable locations, arranging land for setting up of godown, obtaining various statutory clearances, etc.