

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

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ALLOTMENT OF NEW LPG CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) the total number of customers allotted new LPG connections during the last three years and the current year ;
- (b) whether the Government have fixed any target for providing new connection for the next five years ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether there is any criteria to provide LPG connections to SC/ST families in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) whether there is any proposal to provide free LPG stoves to the BPL families ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have released 211.77 lakh new LPG connections during the last three years and April – September 2009.
- (b) & (c) : As per the "Vision-2015" adopted for LPG sector, a target for releasing 5.5 crore new LPG connections by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) by the year 2015 to raise LPG population coverage to 75% has been fixed. The focus would be on areas where LPG coverage is low and the endeavor would be to have 100% LPG coverage for all towns with population greater than 5 lakhs in a phased manner.
- (d) to (f): The LPG connections are being released to all the consumers approaching LPG distributors of OMCs irrespective of whether they belong to SC/ST or not. There is no proposal for providing free LPG stoves to the BPL families by the OMCs. However, State Governments are free to provide such subsidy.