

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

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LPG DISTRIBUTORS RETAILERS IN J K
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributors/ retailers in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of LPG distributors/ retailers in various States of the country along with dealer-consumer ratio, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of LPG distributors/ retailers ensuring smooth delivery of LPG cylinders to the consumers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they are having adequate number of LPG distributors to meet the genuine requirement of LPG to the registered LPG customers with their distributors in the State of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Moreover, the appointment of LPG distributorship is a continuous process. Locations for setting up LPG distributorships are identified based on available refill sale potential that can sustain economically viable operation of an LPG distributorship. The refill sale potential is based on several factors including population, population growth rate and economic prosperity in the area.

As on 01.06.2014, the details of LPG distributorships under various stages of selection process is as under :-

Type of Distributorship	No. of Pending LoI	No of locations advertised
for commissioning pending for issuance of LoI		
Regular LPG Distributorship	520	4533
(Against various Marketing Plan)		
RGGLV	1477	3107

State/UT-wise details of LPG distributors and their ratio with consumers are at Annexure.