

(d) An FIR on 06.06.2016 has been lodged in Model Town Police Station, Panipat and Haryana Police has arrested 6 culprits involved in the incident.

**Opening of 10,000 new domestic LPG distributors**

365. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to open 10,000 new domestic LPG distributorships in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) what is the policy of reservation in distribution of LPG distributorships;
- (d) whether there are any plans to give reservation for women in distributorships; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Appointment of distributorships is a continuous process. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) aim to increase the National LPG coverage to 75 % with minimum 60 % coverage at State level and at least one distributor in each block by 2019. Currently, as a part of the process of opening 10,000 new distributorships, the process for setting up of more than 2000 new LPG distributorships is at different stages of selection across the country.

(c) to (e) Details of Reservation policy, including for women, as per Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships 2016 are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of reservation policy including for women as per unified guidelines for selection of LPG distributorships 2016*

**Reservation**

The percentage reservation for various categories in all the States except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram are as under:

A	Open Category (O)	50.5%
B	Schedule Castes / Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)	22.5%
C	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	27.0%

In each of the above categories, there will be sub-categories as under:-

Sub-Category	Reservation Categories (in %)			
	SC/ST	OBC	Open	Total
Government Personnel category (GP)	2	2	4	8
Divyang/ Physically Handicapped Personnel (PH)	1	1	1	3
Combined Category (CC)	0	0	1	1
Women	7	9	17	33
Unreserved - Any person from the respective category	12.5	15	27.5	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>100</b>

#### **Reservation for North Eastern States**

Reservations in tribal areas in North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram will be as under:

State	Percentage of reservation in all four types of LPG Distributorships to be awarded to ST category	% for Women category	Balance % to be awarded to open category
Arunachal Pradesh	49	30	21
Meghalaya	56	30	14
Nagaland	56	30	14
Mizoram	63	30	7

#### **Lower LPG penetration in States**

366. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many States that have lower LPG penetration than the national average of 61 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than one crore households have surrendered LPG subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As on 01.07.2016, the national LPG penetration is 62.7 %. State/UT-wise details of penetration including the States having lower penetration than national average, is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As on 17.07.2016, 1,03,92,927 LPG consumers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have voluntarily surrendered LPG subsidy in the country.

***Statement***

*State/UT wise details of LPG Penetration*

State-wise LPG coverage based on estimated current households - as on 01.07.2016

Sl. No	State/UT	No. of Households (in lakhs)		Domestic LPG customers of OMCs (in lakhs)	LPG Cov- erage
		As per Census 2011	Estimated at present	Active Custo- mers	As per active custo- mers count
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Uttar Pradesh	329.24	364.71	209.43	57.4%
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.62	2.98	1.84	61.9%
3.	Assam	63.67	69.48	29.23	42.1%
4.	Bihar	189.41	215.06	68.94	32.1%
5.	Jharkhand	61.82	69.20	19.50	28.2%
6.	Manipur	5.07	5.57	3.26	58.5%