

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2546
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th AUGUST, 2022**

Expanding network of LPG distributors

2546 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand its network of LPG distributors in the country and if so, details thereof along with the number of new distributors included/proposed to be included, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether distribution/awarding of LPG dealership is being done online to bring in more transparency in awarding distributorships and if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government also proposes to reorganise the distributors of LPG all over the country to meet the demand of common people and if so, the details thereof along with any consultation with concerned States and oil companies in this regard and the out come thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c) Appointment of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified based on sale potential that makes them commercially viable. As on 01.07.2022, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have 25,303 LPG distributors across the country. Under Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) advertised 6415 locations for appointment of LPG distributors on all India basis out of which 5376 locations have been commissioned, State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

The process of applying for LPG distributorship has been greatly simplified and a transparent online selection process has been introduced. All applicants are required to submit their application on web-based portal <https://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in>. The online selection process includes, online receipt of application, processing and online draw of lots etc. Online draw of lots is conducted by M/s Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd.(MSTC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking, with assistance of National Informatics Centre(NIC).

To provide better customer satisfaction and impetus for distributors for providing better services, LPG consumers have been given the choice to switch from his/her present distributor to another distributor within area, as per his/her choice under the portability facility. Further, the LPG customers can also switch to a new distributor at the time of booking of refill.

Annexure

Annexure referred to part (a) to (c) of Unstarred Rajys Sabha Parliament Question No. 2546 to be answered on 08.08.2022 asked by Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik regarding “Expanding network of LPG distributors”

Details of the location Advertised for LPG distributors and Distributorship Commissioned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)

STATE	Locations Advertised	Commissioned
Andhra Pradesh	150	106
Arunachal Pradesh	16	16
Assam	166	133
Bihar	997	898
Chhattisgarh	77	65
Delhi	0	0
Goa	3	1
Gujarat	321	258
Haryana	55	52
Himachal Pradesh	51	40
Jharkhand	312	182
Karnataka	238	204
Kerala	97	78
Madhya Pradesh	348	291
Maharashtra	468	399
Manipur	18	18
Meghalaya	20	14
Mizoram	2	2
Nagaland	23	21
Odisha	433	363
Punjab	28	26
Rajasthan	335	280
Sikkim	18	11
Tamil Nadu	308	270
Telangana	79	61
Tripura	24	14
Uttar Pradesh	1051	1019
Uttarakhand	78	51
West Bengal	631	464
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7	3
Chandigarh	0	0
Dadra & N. Haveli	2	0
Daman & Diu	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	54	35
Ladakh	3	1
Lakshdweep	1	0
Puducherry	1	0
All India	6415	5376