

PREFERRED TIME LPG DELIVERY SCHEME LAUNCHED BY MURLI DEORA

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Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Murli Deora launched yet another value added service for domestic LPG customers “Preferred Time Delivery of LPG Cylinders” here today. Under the scheme the domestic LPG customers across the country can get the delivery of the LPG refills to receive the cylinder at home on the day and time of their choice by paying a nominal cost. In the first phase, this service is being launched in the cities of Delhi, Gurgaon, NOIDA, Faridabad, Sonapat, Ghaziabad, Pune and Bengaluru. The service will soon be made available in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad by end of this month. The other major cities across the country would be able to avail this facility by the end of 2010.

Addressing a press conference here today, Shri Murli Deora said the initiative is yet another step to provide better services to the people and would also help in mitigating the problem of receiving LPG refill. It would be of great help to the working people and where there is nobody in the house to accept delivery during normal working hours. In his remarks, the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Jitin Prasada said that the scheme is optional and is a reflection of pro people policies of the Government, but there will be no jumping the queue and the connections will be released on first come first get basis only. He further announced that due to the efforts of the Ministry, there is almost 60% increase in new connections released this year from 53 lakh in 2008-09 to 86 lakh in 2009-10. He said that this year the figure is expected to cross 1 crore with most of these connections would be released via Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojana. More than 2000 locations have already been advertised under this scheme and commissioning of these is under process.

Home delivery of LPG cylinders in India is the largest system in the world. Domestic LPG is a highly subsidized product being used by over 11.5 crore people across the country which comprise more than 50% of the population using it today. The subsidy burden to the Government/the oil marketing companies in providing this convenient fuel to the people through a vast network of more than 9,500 LPG distributors round the year across the country is more than Rs.225 per cylinder. It may be recalled that the Government has also launched Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Scheme (RGGLVY) to provide LPG in rural areas so that rural womenfolk are also benefitted by this modern cooking fuel which is convenient and easy which would help in expanding the LPG coverage to 75% of population by 2015.