

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## **CAUTION AGAINST "FRAUDULENT OFFERS"**

It has come to our notice that some unscrupulous agencies/persons are fraudulently offering false business opportunities for appointment of LPG distributors for *Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana* or under *Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitarak* Yojana (RGGLVY) schemes of the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). These bogus agencies have been conducting telephonic interviews and claiming money from prospective candidates and advising them to deposit certain amount in their account.

The *Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana* (PMUY) scheme does not envisage opening of separate LPG distributorships exclusively for the scheme. The advertisements purportedly in the name of "Prime Minister's Ujwala Yojana" and/or Rajiv Gandhi LPG Distributorship Plan for rural areas (RGGLV) Scheme" as mentioned in the fake website does not pertain to any scheme or appointment of any LPG distributorship of the Public Sector OMCs. The website operated by vested people, with MOP&NG & PMUY logo, Hon'ble Prime Minister's photo, Public Sector OMCs' product logos on the website, is fake, malicious and is intended to defraud gullible people.

It may please be noted that appointment of LPG distributors by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies for distribution of LPG is carried out across the country through a well-established selection procedure comprising a detailed advertisement published in leading newspapers, hosted on internet sites of the Public Sector OMCs and by conducting a draw of lots out of all eligible applicants.

None of the Public Sector OMCs have appointed any agency/person on their behalf for selection/appointment of LPG distributors across the country, nor have they authorised any agency/person to solicit any money whatsoever from any candidate at any stage of the selection process.

The Public Sector OMCs shall not be responsible in any way for amount paid by the individuals to any individual or group of individuals/agencies/companies purporting to be representing Public Sector OMCs.