

(b) The following activities have been broadly identified for obtaining private participation in 11 major Ports:

- (i) Setting up of Container Terminals.
- (ii) Setting up of Warehousing and Storage facilities.
- (iii) Operation and maintenance of various cargo handling terminals.
- (iv) Provision of pilotage and crange services.
- (v) Dredging.
- (vi) Maintenance of various port craft and other equipment.
- (vii) Leasing of Equipment.

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Gorakhpur, U.P.

180. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in Gorakhpur Division of Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the present demand and supply position of the LPG in the Gorakhpur Division;

(c) whether the Government have received applications for opening of more LPG agencies in Maharajganj, Sidharthnagar, Deoria, Basti and Gorakhpur Districts;

(d) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in this regard so far;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) As on 30.6.1994, there were 22 LPG distributorships functioning in Gorakhpur Division of Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The existing average demand of LPG in Gorakhpur Division is about 80,000 cylinders per month. This is being met in full by the Industry.

(c) to (f). Requests are received from time to time for opening of more LPG distributorships in different parts of the country including the Gorakhpur Division of Uttar Pradesh. These are sent to the Oil Industry for survey. Subject to economic viability and product availability, locations having a population of 20,000 and above are included in the marketing plan for opening of LPG distributorships in a phased manner. Accordingly, eight LPG distributorships have already been advertised in Gorakhpur Division for selection of distributors through the Oil Selection Board for Uttar Pradesh.

[*English*]

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181. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: