

Taking over of Air Cargo Complex from SKIE

692. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering the request of Government of Kerala for not to take steps to take over the Air Cargo Complex from Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (KSIE) and also to hand over 2000 sq. ft. area proposed to be renovated for the purpose of cargo handling at Calicut by AAI; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India has no intention of taking over the cargo handling facilities of KSIE located 30 Kms. from the Calicut airport. AAI will manage the cargo complex which is being developed at Calicut airport.

LPG Connections

693. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in Tamil Nadu are provided with L.P.G. connections;

(b) if so, the number of villages covered so far;

(c) if not, the number of villages not covered by L.P.G. connections in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the reasons therefor and the time by which those villages are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently, LPG distributors are catering to the requirement of customers in 91 markets in Tamil Nadu. These markets include towns/cities or urban agglomerations which may comprise small villages also forming part of the urban agglomerations and/or the outskirts thereof.

Indian Oil Corporation has launched a Rural LPG Marketing vehicle on 18.5.97 in Tamil Nadu. This vehicle fills LPG cylinders on the spot and delivers to the customers. This vehicle has been designed for LPG marketing in rural areas only. Presently the requirement of following two villages in Tamil Nadu is being met by

this vehicle:

Village	District
1. Thirukuvalai	Nagapattinam
2. Mapillainackentpatti	Tanjvur

The rural mobile vehicle is also expected to cover the following additional five villages in Tamil Nadu:

Village	District
1. Mariamman Koil	Tanjvur
2. Nadu Kaveri	Tanjvur
3. Melattur	Tanjvur
4. Agrakadambanoor	Nagapattinam
5. Prathamarampuram	Nagapattinam

(c) and (d) LPG distributorships are opened only in those markets which provide potential for an economically viable distributorship. Presently towns/markets having population of more than 20,000 as per 1991 census have been covered for LPG distributorship in the country. However, under the new Marketing Plan, 1996-98 under preparation, all towns with population of 10,000 and above including the villages within 15 Kms. radius and certain rural areas adjoining big towns are being covered for opening of LPG distributorships.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

694. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "UK outshines India in Golden Jubilee Celebrations on Independence" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated January 27, 1997.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Unlike a few other countries in the world where commemorative programmes have been organised during the 50th Anniversary of independence, in India the commemoration of 50th Anniversary will commence after the completion of 50 years of Independence, i.e. from 15th August, 1997 to 15th August, 1998.