

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2447  
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USE OF CONSUMER SHOPS BY BPCL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has started using consumer shops to stock and store its cylinders at their shops ;
- (b) if so, the details of this agreement ;
- (c) whether BPCL has also agreed to use its retails outlets to sell non-LPG products ; and
- (d) if so, the details of the agreement between BPCL and consumer companies ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS ( SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN )

(a) & (b) : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is marketing LPG (domestic) cylinders through their authorised distributors and not through any consumer shop.

(c) & (d) : BPCL plans to introduce sale of non-LPG Kitchen items, such as Pressure Cookers, Pans etc by its existing LPG distributorship network in order to provide value-added / convenient services to its LPG consumers. As of now, there is no agreement signed between the manufacturers and BPCL.