

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

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have assessed the existing production capacity of LPG in the country;
- (b) if so, the average yearly production capacity compared to the previous year;
- (c) whether this installed production capacity of LPG in the country is not being utilized fully; and
- (d) the average yearly production capacity of LPG utilized during the previous years?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The refineries have been delicensed and production of petroleum products by the oil companies is decontrolled from 1998.

The capacity of a refinery is in terms of crude thru'put and there is no specific production capacity of LPG or any other product. The yearly production of LPG for the last three years is as follows:-

Year Quantity in million metric tonnes (MMT)

2000-2001	6149
2001-2002	6992
2002-2003	7288