

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

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PETROL PUMPS AND LPG AGENCIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies Operating at present in Bihar as on date;
- (b) the details of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies allotted to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women, Freedom Fighters and General Category people in the State during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up new Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies in Bihar in the next few years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) 838 retail outlets and 223 LPG distributorships are operating at present in the State of Bihar.
- (b) 91 retail outlet dealerships and 101 LPG distributorships were allotted under different categories in the State of Bihar during the last three years i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.
- (c) & (d) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the Petroleum Sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the Oil Marketing Companies have freedom to choose locations and frame their own Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlet dealerships/ LPG distributorships/SKO-LDO dealerships in various parts of the country, including Bihar, provided that the locations meet certain norms like commercial viability and non-encroachment of the existing dealerships/distributorships.