

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4227  
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OPENING OF NEW KEROSENE/LPG AGENCIES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any effective policy of the Government for opening Kerosene outlets in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of L.P.G. agencies and Kerosene outlets in the rural and urban areas and their percentage; and
- (d) the number of the places identified in rural areas in Rajasthan to open L.P.G. agencies?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism with effect from 1.4.2002, the oil companies are free to choose locations and set up SKO-LDO dealerships and LPG distributorships in various parts of the country including Rajasthan and rural areas depending on economic viability.

There are 7839 LPG distributorships and 6508 SKO-LDO dealerships in operation in various parts of the country including rural and urban areas. The percentage of dealerships/distributorships is as under:-

LPG    SKO-LDO

Rural	7.65%	49.03
Urban	84.74%	50.96