

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEW LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether public sector oil marketing companies have planned / advertised for setting up of new LPG distributorships outside marketing plan at various locations of the country, where existing LPG distributorships are still unviable ;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to make those unavailable distributors viable ;(
- (c) whether the Government propose to cancel the advertisement issued by OMCs at such locations, which were outside marketing plan ; and
- (d) if so, the reasons and the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) had released advertisements for a large number of distributorships outside marketing plan based on their commercial considerations at various locations in the country.

Subsequently, OMCs reviewed the same and have decided to prepare a common industry plan for setting up of LPG distributorships to avoid duplication of distributors.

OMCs have been advised to keep existing distributorships viable by transfer of customers under prescribed conditions.