

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

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OPENING OF NEW GAS AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new gas agencies for supplying 5 (Five) kg L.P.G. cylinders at rural level ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : There is no proposal to open new gas agencies exclusively for marketing of 5 kg LPG cylinders by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). The distributors appointed by OMCs for supplying 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinders also sell 5 kg cylinders, including those in the rural areas. As a matter of policy, Government have advised OMCs to concentrate their future expansion plans in semi-urban and rural areas.