

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUM, PS/ LPG AGENCIES TO SC/ ST/ OBC

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of applications received by the Government from SC/ST/OBCs for allotment of petrol pumps/LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) agencies during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(b): the number of petrol pumps/LPG agencies allotted to SC/ST/OBCs during the last three years, State-wise and Company-wise; and

(c) the number of petrol pumps/LPG agencies likely to be allotted to SC/ST/OBCs during the current year, State-wise and Company-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) : While the guidelines of the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) for selection of dealers / distributors of petroleum products do not provide for any reservation for allotment of dealerships/distributorships to the members of `Other Backward Classes`, these guidelines provide for a reservation of 25% of dealerships/distributorships for the Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories. State-wise details about the applications received by OMCs from candidates belonging to the SC/ST category for allotment of retail outlet(RO) dealerships (petrol pumps) and LPG distributorships during the last three years and till date are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.

(b): During the last three years, i.e., from 2002-03 to 2004-05, the OMCs, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP) have allotted 1,870 retail outlet dealerships and 331 LPG distributorships to candidates belonging to SC/ST. While State-wise details of these allotments are available with the Director (Marketing) of the OMCs concerned, OMC-wise position of the allotments are given as under:-

OMC Allotments made during  
2002-03 to 2004-05

RO LPG

IOC	760	175
HPC	472	87
BPC	369	65
IBP	269	4
TOTAL	1,870	331

(c): Marketing plans of OMCs contain details regarding allotment of dealerships/distributorships in respect of different categories of candidates, including SC/ST category, at various locations in the country. These details are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned. However, it is not possible to indicate the number of retail outlet dealerships/ LPG distributorships that are likely to be allotted to, among others, to SC/ST category during the current year as the exercise involves various steps like advertisement, scrutiny of applications and documents, conduct of interviews of the eligible candidates for selection of dealers/distributors, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of selected candidates, etc