

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

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WAITING LIST FOR LPG CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons on the waiting list for Liquefied Petroleum Gas connection in West Bengal, as on date district-wise ; and
- (b) the time by which the list is likely to be cleared ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have restricted the release of new LPG connections since September 2005 due to shortage in bulk LPG availability. This shortage of LPG is largely on account of non-materialization of some additional LPG imports planned by the OMCs and shutdown of RIL's Refinery since October 2005. Due to these reasons, as on 21.11.2005, a waiting list of 26,970 persons has developed in West Bengal. The details of district-wise waiting lists are available with Director (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

The position is being closely monitored by the Government and a composite task force of OMCs has been set up to undertake measures for both import and inventory management. OMCs have decided to release new LPG connections from 1st December 2005 onwards.