

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

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LPG AGENCIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allowed number of Oil Companies to deal with LPG connection and distribution in the North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal ;
- (b) if so, the details list and names of such Companies and Agencies ;
- (c) whether the government is aware that an unhealthy competition has started among various distributors to lure the customers ; and
- (d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to check it and issue guidelines for proper distribution of customer among the agencies ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : At present, 4 Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely ; M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and M/s. IBP Co. Limited are distributing LPG connections in North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal through their 62 distributors. The names of distributorships of these OMCs are available with Director(Marketing) of concerned oil company.

(c) & (d) : The distributors of OMCs have not reported any un-healthy competition among their distributors and they are operating as per the provisions of Distributorship Agreement and policy guidelines laid down for their marketing.