

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:280

ANSWERED ON:09.03.2006

LPG FACILITY

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

- (a) the number of LPG distributorship being operated by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country, State-wise/company-wise ;
- (b) the percentage of population availing LPG facility in the country, State-wise ;
- (c) whether the Government has advised the Oil Marketing Companies to concentrate their future expansion plans on semi-urban and rural areas in the country ;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the OMCs and achievements made therefrom ; and
- (e) The measures taken by the Government to provide LPG facilities in the uncovered areas ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO AND DR. DHIRENDRA AGARWAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2006 REGARDING LPG FACILITY.

(a) : As on 1.1.2006, four Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP) were operating 9213 LPG distributorships in the country. The State-wise/company-wise details are at Annex-I.

(b) : Through the 9213 LPG distributorships, OMCs are serving about 876 lakh LPG customers covering 44.88 % population of the country. The State/UT-wise details are at Annex-II.

(c) to (e) : OMCs supply domestic LPG through their distribution network and have the freedom to set up LPG distributorships at viable locations as per their commercial considerations. The Government has advised OMCs to concentrate their future expansion plans in semi-urban and rural areas in the country.

As on 1.1.2006, OMCs had set up 1063 and 1163 distributorships in rural and urban-rural areas respectively in the country. OMCs have taken steps such as introducing 5 kg cylinders and setting up community kitchens with a view to enhance the use of LPG in uncovered areas. OMCs have also finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 791 locations for setting up LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations.

ANNEX-I

State-wise LPG distributors as on 1.1.2006

State/UTs IOC BPC HPC IBP TOTAL

Andhra Pradesh	354	187	300	6	847
Arunachal Pradesh	29	0	0	0	29
Assam	223	15	9	0	247
Bihar	184	63	51	0	298
Chhattisgarh	78	27	41	0	146
Delhi	194	71	45	0	310
Goa	7	17	28	0	52
Gujarat	308	112	120	7	547
Haryana	134	80	55	8	277
Himachal Pradesh	83	13	18	0	114
Jammu & Kashmir	75	16	59	0	150

Jharkhand	84	27	26	0	137
Karnataka	214	111	159	0	484
Kerala	198	100	74	0	372
Madhya Pradesh	289	131	139	0	559
Maharashtra	219	375	399	9	1002
Manipur	30	0	0	0	30
Meghalaya	32	0	0	0	32
Mizoram	25	0	0	0	25
Nagaland	24	0	0	0	24
Orissa	74	37	68	0	179
Punjab	241	98	74	14	427
Rajasthan	202	117	116	0	435
Sikkim	7	0	0	0	7
Tamil Nadu	375	145	101	13	634
Tripura	28	0	0	0	28
Uttar Pradesh	666	273	176	20	1135
Uttaranchal	127	17	16	1	161
West Bengal	283	74	103	11	471
Andaman & Nicobar	4	0	0	0	4
Chandigarh	20	4	5	0	29
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	0	1
Daman Diu	0	0	2	0	2
Lakshadweep	1	0	0	0	1
Pondicherry	8	4	5	0	17
ALL INDIA	4820	2114	2190	89	9213

ANNEX-II

State-wise % of population covered by domestic LPG as on 1.1.2006.

State/UTs % population covered by LPG

Andhra Pradesh	57.57
Arunachal Pradesh	48.18
Assam	32.52
Bihar	14.88
Chhattisgarh	21.12
Delhi	100.0
Goa	100.0
Gujarat	49.46
Haryana	76.96
Himachal Pradesh	91.58
Jammu & Kashmir	79.15
Jharkhand	18.49
Karnataka	46.55
Kerala	67.79
Madhya Pradesh	32.30
Maharashtra	58.66
Manipur	52.12
Meghalaya	20.75
Mizoram	92.44
Nagaland	35.13
Orissa	16.61
Punjab	94.37
Rajasthan	38.57
Sikkim	80.80
Tamil Nadu	54.82
Tripura	29.89
Uttar Pradesh	35.09
Uttaranchal	84.28
West Bengal	27.71
Andaman & Nicobar	58.26
Chandigarh	100.0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	60.69
Daman Diu	70.54
Lakshadweep	29.78
Pondicherry	96.01
TOTAL	44.88