

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

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LPG FACILITY TO PROJECT AREA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the operational area of distribution of LPG meant for domestic use for the common people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide LPG connections of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. to the common people on the demand made by the Coal Mines Workers Credit Cooperative Society, Patansavangi, Tehsil-Sananer, Distt Nagpur (Maharashtra) ;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy to provide LPG cylinders to all the people of project area keeping in view the problems being faced by the local residents of the project area and safety risk associated with carrying the gas cylinders ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) distribute domestic LPG through their authorized LPG distributors. The trading area of LPG distributors is defined in their Distributorship Agreement signed by the company with them. This area depends on the class of market where a LPG distributor is operating.

(c) to (e) : M/s. Coal Mines Workers Credit Cooperative Society, Patansavangi, Tehsil-Sananer, District-Nagpur, Maharashtra is an Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL's) project distributorship catering to the LPG demand for employees of Western Coal Fields Limited. As regards the request for permitting this distributorship to supply LPG to non project people of the area is concerned, the same is not possible as the operational area of this distributorship, being a project distributorship, is restricted to the clearly demarcated colonies/areas' of the project only. LPG distributorship of the OMCs are already operating in the surrounding areas of the project, which are catering to the demand of the common man of the area.