

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open more LPG agencies in Barasat, Jalpaiguri, Balurghat and Cooch Behar constituencies to meet the demand of the public ;
- (b) if so, the time by which new agencies are likely to be set up in these areas ; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are free to identify and set up LPG distributorships at various locations, on the basis of commercial considerations. At present, OMCs are identifying viable locations across the country and it is most likely that some of the locations in these constituencies would be included in their future plan for setting up LPG distributorships.