

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

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PETROL PUMPS & LPG GAS AGENCIES TO ECONOMICALLY BACKWARDS UPPER CASTES

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

(a): whether the Government propose to provide reservation to the economically backwards upper castes and weaker section in the allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): At present, 50% reservation of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships has been provided for different sections of the society, as under:-

(i) Defence personnel - 8%

(ii) Freedom Fighters - 2%

(iii) Outstanding Sports Persons - 2%

(iv) Paramilitary/ Police/ Government Personnel - 8%

(v) Physically Handicapped Persons - 5%

(vi) Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes - 25%

The Government do not propose to provide further reservation for any other specific category.