

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2260
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LPG DISTRIBUTORS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) The State-wise number of LPG distributors alongwith the names of the companies particularly in Maharashtra and the criteria for appointing LPG distributors;
- (b) whether the Government is making / propose to make arrangements for gas agencies as per the requirement of the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the State-wise target fixed for opening of gas agencies during the current year ?

Answer

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

(a) : The number of LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) operating in different States/UTs of the country as on 1.4.2004 is given in Annexe. The names of agencies are available with Directors (Marketing) of the respective OMCs.

(b) to (d) : At present, LPG connections are available on demand throughout the country. However, OMCs conduct surveys to assess the potential / commercial viability for setting up of new LPG distributorships in the country at regular intervals. The viable locations are considered for setting up of LPG distributorships as per the commercial considerations of OMCs. The setting up of LPG distributorships involves identifying of a suitable location, land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances. Government have not fixed any specific target for OMCs to set up LPG distributorships in a specific period.

ANNEXE

STATEWISE LPG DISTRIBUTORS AS OF 01.04.2004

IOC IOC IOC BPC HPC IBP TOTAL
(MD) (AOD) TOTAL

STATES

Andhra Pradesh	290	0	290	160	272	4	726
Arunachal Pradesh	5	23	28	0	0	0	28
Assam	74	130	204	15	8	0	227
Bihar	153	0	153	60	42	0	255
Chattisgarh	46	0	46	20	34	0	100
Delhi	191	0	191	69	46	0	306
Goa	6	0	6	17	28	0	51
Gujarat	296	0	296	105	118	6	525
Haryana	130	0	130	76	55	8	269
Himachal Pradesh	77	0	77	13	16	0	106
Jammu & Kashmir	70	0	70	14	54	0	138
Jharkhand	81	0	81	276	23	0	131
Karnataka	206	0	206	108	154	0	468
Kerala	183	0	183	95	70	0	348
Madhya Pradesh	235	0	235	112	96	0	443
Maharashtra	182	0	182	367	389	7	945
Manipur	7	21	28	0	0	0	28
Meghalaya	14	18	32	0	0	0	32
Mizoram	3	20	23	0	0	0	23
Nagaland	7	16	23	0	0	0	23
Orissa	62	0	62	29	66	0	157
Punjab	231	0	231	95	69	12	407
Rajasthan	189	0	189	103	106	0	398
Sikkim	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Tamil Nadu	321	0	321	113	84	9	527

Tripura 8 18 26 0 0 0 26
Uttar Pradesh 619 0 619 235 143 18 1015
Uttaranchal 115 0 115 16 12 1 144
West Bengal 251 5 256 68 94 8 426

SUB-TOTAL 4055 251 4306 1917 1979 73 8275

UNION TERRITORIES

Andaman & Nicobar 2 0 2 0 0 0 2
Chandigarh 21 0 21 3 6 0 30
Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
Daman & Diu 0 0 0 0 2 0 2
Lakshadweep 2 0 0 0 0 0 2
Pondicherry 6 0 2 2 5 0 13

SUB-TOTAL 31 0 31 5 14 0 50

ALL INDIA 4086 251 4337 1922 1993 73 8325