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Title : Need to open LPG distributorship at Oddanchatram in Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, In my Palani Constituency, in Oddanchatram town, southern India's biggest vegetable and butter markets are situated and the wholesale purchases are made from here only. Age old Christian Fellowship Hospital, Engineering, Nursing and Arts colleges are also located here. Thousands of people are working in those places. Oddanchatram is a Town Panchayat and is having a population of nearly 50,000 people.

The people of Oddanchatram Town and nearby villages in Oddanchatram Taluk are facing lot of difficulties without a LPG distributorship and they are getting their LPG connections from Dindigul, Palani and Velayuthampalayam. In Dindigul, there are two BPCL gas agencies. Palani Town in Dindigul District is having two gas agencies and they are supplying to the villages upto Oddanchatram Town. For a number of villages nearby Oddanchatram, LPG connection are provided from Velayuthampalayam. In Karur District and it is located 70 kms. away from Oddanchatram. More than 5,000 connections are provided from these above five agencies. Further, thousands of people are trying to get new connections. With the result, the existing distributors at Dindigul, Palani and Velayuthampalayam are not able to cope up with the increasing demand and the consumers have to wait for number of days to get their cylinders refilled. The above places are far off from Oddanchatram town.

I request the Hon'ble Minister to direct the Indian Oil Corporation authorities to take immediate necessary steps for opening up of a LPG distributorship at Oddanchatram in Dindigul district at the earliest.