

under construction at Kandla and Manglore which are expected to be commissioned by October, 1996. New bottling plants and more LPG distributorships are being opened by Government Oil Companies to cater to higher demand.

In order to increase the availability of LPG in the country in addition to what is available through public sector oil companies, Government, in February, 1993 decided to allow the import and sale of LPG by private agencies.

[*Translation*]

### LPG Agencies

\*74. SHRI N.J. RATHVA :

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY :

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

(a) the number of LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets at present in the country, particularly in tribal and backward areas and the number of agencies under reserved category, separately among them; State-wise;

(b) the present position of demand and supply of LPG in the States;

(c) whether any requests have been received from State Governments to open new LPG agencies and the number of agencies reserved for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes candidates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these agencies are likely to be opened, State-Wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) As on 1.10.1995, there were 16,158 retail outlet dealerships and 4869 LPG distributorships in the country, out of which the number of dealerships/ distributorships indicated below has been allotted to different reserved categories :

	Scheduled Cast	Scheduled Tribe	Physically Handicapped	Defence	Freedom Fighter
RO	893	335	470	218	149
LPG	532	208	379	286	150

(b) During the period April-October 1995, the average monthly demand of LPG was 287962 MTs, which was met in full by the Industry.

(c) & (d) Requests are received from time to time for setting up more retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships in different parts of the country. As per existing policy, reservation for different categories is provided as under :

Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe	—	25%
Defence	—	7½%
Physically Handicapped	—	7½%
Freedom Fighter	—	3%
Outstanding Sportspersons	—	2%
Open	—	55%

Accordingly, 1040 retail outlet dealerships and 1191 LPG distributorships have been included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan 1993-96 and LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96 respectively for different States. Selection of dealers is made through the Oil Selection Boards. It takes normally 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship after selection by the OSB.

[*English*]

### Violence and Vulgarity in DD Programmes

\*75. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an increasing trend in display of violence and vulgarity in the programmes telecast by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard ;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the year 1994 and 1995, so far;

(d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction;

(e) whether the Centre for Media Studies (CMS) has also submitted any report on 'Social Impact of Television';

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Such details are not maintained.

(d) Doordarshan previews all programmes before telecast to ensure that they conform to its programme and advertisement code and are suitable for family viewing.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The study which was commissioned to assess the impact of television on different aspects of our life has on the one hand highlighted Doordarshan's positive contribution in different fields and on the other hand the concern among the people about the adverse effect of programmes projecting crime and violence on society.

(g) The report as such does not indicate any direct follow-up action.