

far and the total estimated amount likely to be spent on each of them?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Vidisha Road Overbridge:* The railway has already constructed bridge proper over the tracks. The completion of the work depends on the completion of the bridge approaches by the State Government (present progress 29%)

*Betwa Rail Bridge:* Likely to be completed by the end of March 1991.

(c) *Vidisha Road Overbridge:* An amount of Rs. 29.31 lakhs has been spent by the Railway. Total estimated cost is Rs. 105.70 lakhs.

*Betwa Rail Bridge:* An amount of Rs. 233.28 lakhs has been spent by the Railway. Total estimated cost is Rs. 862.29 lakhs.

#### LPG Agencies in the Country

5178. SHRI KAPIL DEV SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in the country; State-wise;

(b) the places surveyed for opening new gas agencies in Haryana;

(c) whether there are many big villages in Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh, Ganganagar district of Rajasthan and Punjab, where the population ranges from 20 thousand to 30-40 thousand; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not opening gas agencies in such big villages?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY):** (a) As on 1.3.1990, 3744 LPG distributorships were in operation in the country as per the State-wise details given in the Statement below.

(b) After survey LPG had already been introduced in 28 towns and is proposed to be introduced in one town with a population of 20,000 and above. In addition to this, following 7 locations were surveyed between January, 1988 and March, 1990 for assessing the viability or otherwise of new LPG distributorships:

1. Dharuhera
2. Sampla
3. Mandhi Adampur
4. Indri
5. Mahendergarh
6. Yamunanagar
7. Samalkha

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) LPG distributorships are opened as per the Marketing Plans of Oil Companies in a phased manner depending on the availability of LPG and the economic viability of the locations.

#### STATEMENT

States/Union Territories	No of LPG Distributorships
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#### STATES

1. Andhra Pradesh

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<i>States/Union Territories</i>	<i>No of LPG Distributorships</i>
2. Arunachal Pradesh	12
3. Assam	99
4. Bihar	136
5. Goa	27
6. Gujarat	276
7. Haryana	112
8. Himachal Pradesh	34
9. Jammu and Kashmir	53
10. Karnataka	220
11. Kerala	154
12. Madhya Pradesh	204
13. Maharashtra	524
14. Manipur	9
15. Meghalaya	12
16. Mizoram	5
17. Nagaland	13
18. Orissa	74
19. Punjab	151
20. Rajasthan	140
21. Sikkim	2
22. Tamil Nadu	298
23. Tripura	10
24. Uttar Pradesh	401

<i>States/Union Territories</i>	<i>No of LPG Distributorships</i>
25. West Bengal	212
<i>UNION TERRITORIES</i>	
26. Andaman Nicobar	1
27. Chandigarh	24
28. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	—
29. Daman and Diu	2
30. Delhi	201
31. Lakshadweep	1
32. Pondicherry	5
Total	3744

[English]

**Utilisation of Natural Gas Discovered in Tripura**

5179. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:  
SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:  
SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned 'Quattrocchi's clout and the nation's loss' appeared in the Indian Express of 22 March, 1990;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) to whom, and at what cost the project was given and by when the project was to be completed;

(d) whether the project has not yet started and the cost of the project has escalated; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard and the measures taken to get the project going?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c). GAIL had invited offers from various companies of international repute for undertaking a study for utilisation of Tripura gas by transporting it to Eastern India. Offers were received from 5 companies in June 1988. Subsequently, M/s. Snamprogetti had indicated their interest in participating in the study and offered to do so without any cost to GAIL except for local expenses within India of their consultants. It was also indicated that the cost of the study would be