

1	2	3
9.	Kerala	10
10.	Madhya Pradesh	5
11.	Maharashtra	17
12.	North East	6
13.	Orissa	2
14.	Punjab	4
15.	Rajasthan	8
16.	Tamilnadu	2
17.	MTNL, Delhi	31
18.	MTNL, Bombay	22
19.	Madras	1
20.	Andaman & Nicobar	4
Total		187

Sale of HSD with Sulphur Content

614. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to market HSD with 0.5 per cent sulphur content through retail outlets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) HSD with maximum sulphur content of 0.5% is proposed to be marketed in four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and in Taj trapezium area with effect from 1.4.1996.

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies and Petrol Retail Outlets

615. SHRI KUNJEE LAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise, details of the petrol retail outlets and LPG agencies allotted in Rajasthan under the discretionary quota by the Government since 1992 till March, 1995 indicating the locations thereof;

(b) the names of the places under consideration of the Government for the allotment of petrol and LPG agencies in the State; and

(c) the basis of selection of sites for the allotment of new agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) The requisite information is as under:

	RO	LPG
1992-93	2	2
1993-94	1	0
1994-95	1	-
Total =	4	2

(b) 99 Retail Outlet dealerships and 51 LPG distributorships have been included in the RO Marketing Plan 1993-96 and LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96 for Rajasthan.

(c) LPG distributorships are opened at the locations having a population of 20,000 and above as per 1991 census subject to product availability and economic viability of the location.

[*English*]

Natural Gas Prices

616. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to link prices of natural gas to international prices of liquid hydrocarbons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). The Government have appointed a Committee to review the existing pricing policy and to recommend changes required in the principles for determining gas prices. Necessary action will be taken after the report of the Committee is received.

Centenary of World Cinema

617. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had set up a national committee for the celebration of centenary of World cinema;

(b) if so, the functions entrusted to this Committee for organising celebration of 100 years of Cinema in India in 1996;

(c) whether old classic films, produced in Calcutta, are also proposed to be included in the centenary exhibition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?