

### Allotment of LPG Agencies

558. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets allotted from July, 1994 to January, 1995 to various categories like women, SCs/STs, minority communities, handicapped war-widows and educated unemployed, State-wise;

(b) the norms adopted for these categories;

(c) the number of other persons and cooperative societies allotted LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets during the above period; and

(d) the details of the plan to allot LPG agencies and Petrol retail outlets during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (c) Category-wise details of LPG distributorships and R.O. dealerships allotted through the prescribed procedure of advertisement and selection through Oil Selection Board during June, 1994, to January, 1995, are indicated below:—

|     | SC | ST | PH | DEF | FE | OPEN |
|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|------|
| LPG | 67 | 25 | 33 | 13  | 23 | 152  |
| RO  | 46 | 35 | 25 | 16  | 4  | 149  |

There is no separate reservation for women, educated unemployed, War-widows and Cooperative Societies.

(d) Government has approved LPG Marketing Plan 1994—96 containing 1023 distributorships and RO Marketing Plan 1993—96 containing 1040 dealerships all over the country.

[Translation]

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559. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the locations under the scheme sanctioned for Bihar where allotment of LPG agency and petrol/diesel retail outlets is reserved for persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the locations for which advertisement has already been issued and the locations in regard to which advertisements are proposed to be issued in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) As per existing policy, 25% of the dealerships / distributorships to be allotted through OSBs are reserved for SCs/ STs.

(b) 379 RO, SKO/LDO and LPG distributorships were included in various approved Marketing Plans for Bihar. Out of the above, as on 1.1.1995, 351 locations have already been advertised and 28 locations remain to be advertised.

[English]

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560. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets are proposed to be allotted to Kerala; and

(b) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b) 38 Retail Outlet dealerships and 14 LPG distributorships have been included in the current R.O. Marketing Plan 1988—93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94 for Kerala, selection for which is underway through OSB (Kerala and Lakshdweep). In addition to this, 38 LPG distributorships and 43 retail outlets have been included in the next LPG marketing plan 1994—96 and RO Marketing Plan 1993—96.

### Opencast Projects

561. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved some opencast projects in various coal fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total expected coal output from these coal fields and the capital outlay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The Government have sanctioned two new opencast coal mining projects during the period 1/4/94 till date. The details are given below:—

| Name of project          | Company                    | State       | Sanctioned cost (Rs. crores) | Capacity (Mty) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Urimari opencast project | Central Coalfields Limited | Bihar       | 95.33                        | 1.30           |
| Mugoli opencast project  | Western Coalfields Limited | Maharashtra | 83.63                        | 0.80           |

### Coal Production

562. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal produced during the each of last two years;

(b) whether it is sufficient to met the demand of the country;

(c) the quantity of coal exported during these years;

(d) the market rate and exported rate of coal during these years; and

(e) the foreign exchange earned during these years?