

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ex-storage point price of LPG is uniform throughout the country. However, the retail prices vary from place to place depending on freight, local levies etc.

(c) It is not proposed to bring in uniformity in prices at the retail level.

Appointments in Gujarat Office of O.N.G.C.

5261. SHRI C. I. PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has appointed persons in Groups 'C' and 'D' for their Gujarat Office from outside Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b). All the posts in Groups 'C' and 'D', except the posts in the pay scale of Rs. 725-1480 (the highest posts in Group 'C'), are filled up from amongst the candidates sponsored by local employment exchanges. Recruitment to posts in the pay scale of Rs. 725-1480 is done by the respective ONGC's Regional Offices through advertisements in the local news papers.

LPG agencies in Nagpur

5262. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG agencies of the different oil companies functioning in Nagpur as on 1 March, 1988;

(b) whether in view of the mounting waiting list for new LPG connections, Government propose to open more LPG agencies in Nagpur during the current Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) The number of LPG distributorships functioning at Nagpur as on March 1, 1988 is 24.

(b) and (c). Under the Annual Marketing Plans being implemented so far, the oil companies are in the process of establishing new LPG distributorships at Nagpur as follows :

Indian Oil Corporation Limited	... 1
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	... 3
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	... 1

New LPG bottling plant in Delhi

5263. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : CHOWDHARY AKHTAR HASAN : SHRI P. M. SAYEED :

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

(a) whether the country's largest LPG bottling plant is being commissioned by the Indian Oil Corporation in the capital;

(b) if so, the time by which the said plant is likely to start functioning;

(c) what will be its capacity to refill the cylinders; and

(d) whether the persons in waiting list for Gas connections in Deihl are likely to be cleared and if so, to what extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b). One of Indian Oil Corporation's largest LPG bottling plants is being commissioned by June, 1988 at Tikrikalan near Delhi.