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13.	Maharashtra		320598	
14.	Manipur		148	
15.	Meghalaya		96	
16.	Mizoram		486	
17.	Nagaland		75	
18.	Orissa		31223	
19.	Punjab		12725	
20.	Rajasthan		31121	
21.	Sikkim		201	
22.	Tamil Nadu		112469	
23.	Tripura		39	
24.	Uttar Pradesh		167101	
25.	West Bengal		30077	
26.	Andaman & Nicobar		87	
27.	Chandigarh		72	
28.	Dadra & Nagar Havelı		123	
29.	Delhi		543	
30.	Pondicherry		426	
	Total		1075601	

[Translation]

LPG Agencies in Darjeeling, Jalpaigudi and Coochbehar Districts of North Bengal

8750. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the

Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in Darjeeling, Jalpaigudi and Coochbehar districts of North Bengal and the number of consumers served by each agency;

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- (b) the number of LPG agencies allotted to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Ex-Servicemen and physically handicapped categories in these districts, separately category-wise;
- (c) whether the number of LPG agencies is likely to be increased in these districts in near future in view of the increasing number of consumers;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-

- RAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b). There are at present 19 LPG distributorships operating in Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar districts of West Bengal. The names of locations where these distributorships are operating, with category and the customer holding of each such distributorship are given in the Statement below:
- (c) and (d). Upto the Annual LPG Marketing Plan 1988-89, oil companies have plans to set up three more distributorships, on each at Jalpaiguri, District Jalpaiguri; Darjeeling, District Darjeeling; and Dinhata, District Coochbehar in West Bengal;
- (e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

STATEMENT

Location	District	Category	Customer Holding
1	2	3	4
1. Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	DGR	5592
2. Malbazar	Jalpaiguri	ST	1702
3. Aligpurdwar	Jalpaiguri	ST	2971
4. Binaguri	Jalpaiguri	OP	2247
5. Hasimara	Jalpaiguri	Others	1012
6. Darjeeling	Darjeeling	OP	2521
7. Darjeeling	Darjeeling	DC	43
8. Bagdogra	Darjeeling	OP	2142
9. Kurseong	Darjeeling	ОР	1083
10 Kalimpong	Darjeeling	ST	1811
11 Siliguri	Darjeeling	DGR	6378
12 Siliguri	Darjeeling	Ob	837

1	2	3	4
13 Siliguri	Darjeeling	UG	1327
14 Siliguri	Darjeeling	ST	2100
15 Sikna	Darjeeling	Others	Offe ed to Army Supply
16 Lebong	Darjeeling	Others	Depot for meeting the requirement of Army Cook Houses.
17 Bangdubi	Darjeeling	Others	
18 Cooch Bihar	Cooch Bihar	sc	4699
19 Cooch Bihar	Cooch Bihar	SC	1828

[English]

Discount on Coir Products

Written Answers

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8751. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHA-MAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to allow quantity discount to big foreign buyers of coir products;
- (b) if so, whether any representations were received from the coir exporters in Kerala against such a move; and
- (c) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY(SHRIM. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). No Sir, The Coir Board did examine the feasibility of introducing a graded system of cash discounts with a view to encourage larger off take of coir products and coir yarn by big foreign buyers. Incentive offered in the system were, however, not found sufficiently rewarding by the foreign buyers. The pro-

posal is, therefore, not being pursued

Petrol/Diesel Retail outlets in Kerala

8752. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHA-MAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets operating in Kerala at present, district-wise;
- (b) whether any representations have been received for opening new retail outlets in some places;
- (c) if so, the details thereof district-wise; and
- (d) the place where new outlets are being set up or are proposed during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The requisite information is given in Statement I below:-

(b) and (c). Representations are re-