

Statement

Following TV Centres are proposed to be linked by Microwave during the current plan.

S. No.	Cities to be linked	Latest position	Expected date for commissioning
1.	Delhi-Lucknow-Calcutta	Firm demand placed on P&T	June, 1982
2.	Lucknow-Kanpur	do	June, 1982
3.	Lucknow-Varanasi	Rentals asked for	1984-85
4.	Calcutta-Asansol	Firm demand placed	1983-84
5.	Calcutta-Murshidabad	Site being finalised	1983-84
6.	Delhi-Jaipur (end link)	Rentals asked for from P&T	1984-85
7.	Bombay-Pune	Firm demand placed on P&T	May, 1982
8.	Bombay-Panaji (end link)	do	June, 1982
9.	Madras-Kodaikanal	do	1984
10.	Delhi-Srinagar	do	June, 1982
11.	Delhi-Jullundur	do	Under testing
12.	Jullundur-Amritsar	do	Mid-1983
13.	Hyderabad (Vijayawada)	Rentals asked for	1984-85

Distribution of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Gas in Bombay

455. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the distributing machinery for cooking gas of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation is working defectively due to inexperience and inefficiency;

(b) whether it is a fact that over two lakh households using HPC gas have to wait for 8 to 30 days to get a refill cylinder in Bombay;

(c) whether the contract with original distributor, Natural Gas Co. was terminated without appointing new agents;

(d) whether there is noticeable shortage of buffer stock and no arrangements for godowns; and

(e) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken to remove the hardship of two lakh consumers in Bombay and suburbs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Except in certain pocket areas due to transportation problems, the supply position of cooking gas (LPG) in Greater Bombay by the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) is by and large normal at present.

(c) The HPCL have terminated their contract with M/s. Natural Gas Company, their original distributors, with effect from 1st December, 1981. Simultaneously the sub-agents/delivery agents under them were selectively upgraded to become direct dealers of the HPCL. Wherever, previous sub-agents/delivery agents were not found suitable for upgradation, alternate arrangements were made for LPG supplies through the upgraded dealers in the affected locations.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The restructuring of their dealer network has been carried out by the HPCL as mentioned above. In order to improve the distribution system in Bombay, steps have been taken by the HPCL to appoint 17 more new LPG dealers during 1981-82 of which 4 have already been commissioned.