

**Supply of LPG**

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 SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :  
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 SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :  
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 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :  
 SHRI SUDHIR GIRI :  
 SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the status of demand and supply position of LPG, Statewise with back-log of waiting list of consumers;

(b) the demand perception for the current year and next three years; State-wise in general and for Maharashtra and Kerala in particular;

(c) the total number of Gas dealers company-wise and district-wise in Maharashtra and LPG supply made to them during each of the last three years;

(d) whether special quota of LPG was released to some dealers during the above period in Maharashtra;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith justification therefor dealer-wise,

(f) whether dealers in tribal districts are neglected in preference to other areas; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to, encourage use of gas in predominantly tribal districts for conservation of forest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :  
 (a) to (c) The LPG customers population enrolled with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies in the country as on 1.1.1997 was about 270.45 lakhs including about 43.15 lakhs in the state of Maharashtra and 9.96 lakhs in the state of Kerala. The LPG waiting list in the country as on 1.1.1997 was about 142.03 lakhs including about 19.05 lakhs in the State of Maharashtra and 6.79 lakhs in the state of Kerala.

The annual demand of LPG for the customers of Govt. Oil Companies, is estimated on the basis of :

1. The requirement of existing LPG customers enrolled with Govt. oil companies; and

2. Requirement of new customers planned to be enrolled during the next year.

The demand projections of LPG for the current year and the next three years are as under :-

Year	All India LPG Demand (TMT)
1996-97	4290
1997-98	4517
1998-99	5774
1999-2000	6605

The No. of LPG distributors of IOC, BPC & HPC operating in Maharashtra as on 1.1.97, are 94, 285 and 321 respectively.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Under Special Quota, 10700 connections were released to 16 distributors in the State of Maharashtra.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise in view of (f) above. There is no special scheme or policy to encourage use of gas in predominantly tribal districts, but efforts are made to release LPG connections to all wait-listed persons in hilly areas and Taj trapezium area.

**Nehru Rojgar Yojana**

1795. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :  
 SHRI SHANTILAL PERSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount given to Gujarat for Nehru Rojgar Yojana during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons benefited during this period in each category, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The funds given to Gujarat for Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) during the last three years are as under :-

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	212.52
1994-95	194.45
1995-96	215.90