

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5183
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
RETAIL OUTLETS AND LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP TO SCS/STS
HEMA GAMANG

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

- (a): the total number of retail outlet dealers and LPG distributors at present;
- (b): the number out of them belong to SC/ST/OBC, State-wise;
- (c): whether the Government propose to provide more such dealerships and distributorships in near future;
- (d): if so, the details of this proposal; and
- (e): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): As on 1.10.2000, there were 17925 retail outlet dealerships and 6330 LPG distributorships in the country. Out of these, 1706 retail outlets and 1038 LPG distributorships belong to persons of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes category. There is no reservation for OBC category. In order to meet the increased demand, 927 retail outlets and 2078 LPG distributorships have been included in the marketing plan 1996-98. More dealerships/ distributorships will be set up on the basis of feasibility surveys.