

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

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LPG AGENCIES AND PETROL PUMPS IN HILLY AREAS OF U.P.
ALE NARENDRA

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

- (a): whether the Government propose to set up more LPG agencies and petrol pumps in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh other than operated by the Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam;
- (b): if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (c): if so, the locations where the survey has been conducted and the time by which the agencies and petrol pumps at these places are likely to start functioning?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Oil Companies periodically conduct surveys in different parts of the country including in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh for identifying economically viable locations for setting up retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships as per Oil Industry's economic feasibility norms. Locations found feasible are included in the Marketing Plans. Selection of dealers/distributors for the locations included in the Marketing Plan is made as per the prescribed procedure of advisement of the locations and selection by the Dealer Selection Boards. Accordingly, 23 retail outlet dealerships and 49 LPG distributorships have been found feasible and included in the Marketing Plan for hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh. It generally takes about 6-12 months for commissioning of dealerships/distributorships from the date of interview. The Dealer Selection Boards have recently been dissolved.