

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

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SETTING UP OF NEW BOTTLING PLANTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Companies propose to set up more bottling plants in the country ;
- (b) if so, the locations identified for setting up of such bottling plants and the total investment to be made therein; (
- (c) the target date of completion of such bottling plants and their capacities; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the existing capacities of various bottling plants ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : LPG bottling plants are set up on the basis of techno economic feasibility after taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG.LPG bottling plants are located nearest to the consumption centres with a view to achieving maximum transportation economies. In order to meet the future packed LPG demand, plans have been drawn by Oil Industry to augment the LPG bottling capacity in the country from 5595 TMTPA as on 1.4.2001 to 8070 TMTPA by the end of 9th plan (2001-2002).The commissioning of a bottling plant usually takes about 24 months time from the date of land takeover. Cost of bottling plant also varies from location to location depending upon the cost of land and other allied factors.