

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

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RETAIL OUTLETS LPG AGENCIES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): the details of Retail Outlets in North-Eastern States, State-wise;
- (b): the number of proposals received for opening of new Retail Outlets for LPG in North-Eastern States;
- (c): whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;
- (d): if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (e): the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The State-wise number of retail outlets in operation in the North-Eastern States as on 1.4.2001 is given below:-

| States | Number of Retail Outlet dealerships |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Assam | 369 |
| Meghalaya | 57 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 33 |
| Mizoram | 14 |
| Tripura | 33 |
| Manipur | 28 |
| Nagaland | 29 |

There are 157 LPG distributorships pending for commissioning at various locations in the North-Eastern States.

Periodical surveys are conducted by the Oil Industry for identifying economically viable locations for setting up of LPG distributorships in different parts of the country including the North-Eastern States. All such viable locations are rostered in Marketing Plans and submitted to the Government for approval. Thereafter locations approved by the Government are taken up for appointment of distributorships through the Dealer Selection process.