

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

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LPG CONNECTIONS TO CONSUMERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the oil companies have issued any direction to their L.P.G. distributors to provide L.P.G. connections and subsequently service to the consumers within a 30 K.M. areas only ;
- (b) if so, the number of such small villages and towns which do not fall under the service area of any L.P.G. distributor of any oil company nor do they come within the said limit of 30 K.M.s of area; and
- (c) whether the Government are considering on some interim arrangement for consumers of such villages/towns till the service of some permanent L.P.G. distributors is provided to them?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) At present, unviable LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are allowed to open Extensior Counters upto 30 Kms. in plains and 75 Kms. in hills. To increase the supply of LPG in small towns and rural areas, OMCs have planned to set up more than 2,900 new distributorships under the Marketing Plans 1996-1998 and 1999-2000, of which more than 1,200 are exclusively rural distributorships and more than 1,400 are urban/rural distributorships.