GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4025 ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002 MARKETING PLANS OF DIFFERENT OIL COMPANIES SURINDER SINGH BARWALA

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

(a): whether the allotment of Petrol Pumps and LPG agencies was stopped according to the Marketing Plan of different Oil Companies between 1998 to 2000;

(b): if so, the number of Panchayats, Blocks and Tehsils not getting the facilities of LPG agencies because of this Marketing Plan;

(c): whether the private companies had started their LPG agencies in that Panchayats, Blocks and Tehsils;

(d): if so, the details thereof;

(e): the total percent of business loss suffered by the Public Oil Companies due to this Marketing Plan; and

(f): the steps taken by the Government to re-start this stopped Marketing Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUMA& URAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to (f): The selection of dealers/distributors for some of the dealerships/distributorships could not take place during the period 1998-2000, owing to the non-functioning of the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) on account of theannouncement of the General Elections, 1999 and the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct and subsequent dissolution of the DSBs.

Oil Marketing Companies have planned to set up more than 1200 LPG distributorships exclusively for rural areas including 707 locations at block/Tehsil level identified under 1999-2000 Marketing Plan. In so far as business loss due to the delay in commissioning of LPG agencies is concerned, no assessment has been made.