GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:681 ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000 LPG CONNECTIONS A. KRISHNASWAMY;RAMANAND SINGH

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

(a) whether the Government have a plan to release one crore LPG connections during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(c) the total number of LPG agencies awaiting clearance in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the specific steps being taken to clear the backlog?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to Part (a) to (d) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 681 to be answered on 15th May, 2000 relating to LPG connections.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government have a plan to release 1 crore LPG (domestic) connections during calendar year 2000 which will liquidate the waiting list registered with LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies as on 1.12.1999. Statewise details of LPG (domestic) connections to be released against the waiting list, during the year 2000 are given in Annex-I.

(c) & (d): The total number of LPG agencies awaiting clearance in the country, State-wise is given in Annex-II.

Locations found feasible are included in the Marketing Plan and advertised by the Oil Companies from time to time for selection of distributors through the Dealer Selection Boards (DSB). The DSBs which were functioning earlier have been dissolved and new Boards are being constituted.

ANNEX-I

STATEWISE DETAILS OF PENDING WAITING LIST

STATES WAITING LIST AS ON 1.12.1999

994278 ANDHRA PRADESH ARUNACHAL PRADESH 1167 ASSAM 32995 BIHAR 482377 DELHI 0 GOA 40019 GUJARAT 494208 HARYANA 251783 HIMACHAL PRADESH 0 JAMMU & KASHMIR 0 KARNATAKA 413798 KERALA 862785 MADHYA PRADESH 552324 MAHARASHTRA 837248 5755 MANIPUR MEGHALAYA 1134 2817 MTZORAM NAGALAND 1743 ORISSA 178482 699424 PUNJAB RAJASTHAN 584270 0 SIKKIM 1755 TAMILNADU 1192428 TRTPURA UTTAR PRADESH 1137580 WEST BENGAL 545138

STATE TOTAL 9313508

UNION TERRITORIES

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR 12828 CHANDIGARH 0 DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI 0 DAMAN & DIU 0 LAKSHADWEEP 0 PONDICHERRY 0

TOTAL 12828

ALL INDIA 9326336

ANNEX-II

STATEWISE POSITION OF DISTRIBUTORSHIPS AWAITING CLEARANCE AS ON 1.4.2000 (PROVISIONAL)

STATES NO. OF DISTRIBUTORSHIPS AWAITING CLEARANCE (Provisional)

ANDHRA PRADESH 197 ARUNACHAL PRADESH 7 ASSAM 59 190 15 BIHAR DELHI GOA 28 GUJARAT 163 HARYANA 78 HIMACHAL PRADESH 23 _3 16 JAMMU & KASHMIR KARNATAKA 106 KERALA 121 MADHYA PRADESH 3 MAHARASHTRA 305 333 MANIPUR 11 MEGHALAYA 7 6 MIZORAM NAGALAND 6 ORISSA 53 98 PUNJAB RAJASTHAN 151 SIKKIM U TAMILNADU 193 TRIPURA 12 UTTAR PRADESH 568 WEST BENGAL 113 0 SIKKIM

UNION TERRITORIES

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR 6 CHANDIGARH 5 DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI 0 DAMAN & DIU 0 LAKSHADWEEP 0 PONDICHERRY 3 Locations as per Mktg. Plan

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Sl.No States/U.Ts Prior 1996-98 Total Locat- Loca- Loca- Pending
to inclu- ions tions for
1996-98 ding adver- pending Inter- selection
    suppl. tised for viewed
    advt.
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U.Ts.

 1
 A & NICOBAR
 0
 6
 2
 4
 0
 6

 2
 CHANDIGARH
 20
 0
 20
 14
 6
 15
 5

 3
 D & N HAVELI
 0
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 4
 DAMAN & DIU
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 5
 LAKSHWADEEP
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 6
 PONDICHERRY
 10
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 10
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 7
 3

TOTAL 3796 2078 5874 5332 542 3001 2873