

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

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PETROL PUMPS AND LPG AGENCIES

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

- (a): whether the Government propose to increase the number of Petrol Pumps and LPG agencies in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; Statewise; and
- (c): the number of Petrol Pumps and LPG agencies in the country at present alongwith the total quantum of monthly LPG supply being made to them;
- (d): the number of LPG agencies included in the recent LPG marketing schemes;
- (e): the details of proposals pending for the appointment of LPG dealers under LPG marketing scheme; and
- (f): the reasons for not calling interviews in respect of those candidates who applied for LPG agencies more than 2 years ago?

**Answer**

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

(a)to (f): To meet the increased demand of LPG and MS/HSD2848 more LPG distributorships and 2101 more retail outlet dealerships, pending from various Marketing Plans, are to be set up. As on 1.10.1999, 5838 LPG distributorships and 17299 retail outlet dealerships are in operation in the country. During the year 1999-2000, the projected consumption of LPG in the country is 5856 TMT. Interviews for the locations already advertised by the Oil Companies could not be held largely on account of non-functioning of the Dealer Selection Boards during this period. Dealer Selection Boards have recently been dissolved.