

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

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OPENING OF PETROL PUMPS AND LPG AGENCIES IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the petrol pumps/LPG agencies proposed to be allotted in Maharashtra during 2005-06, location-wise; and

(b): the time by which LPG/Petrol/Diesel agencies are likely to be set up at these places?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b): Allotment of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) and LPG distributorships by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) in different parts of the country, including in the State of Maharashtra, has to undergo various stages, i.e., advertisement of locations where such dealerships/distributorships are to be set up, selection of dealers/distributors as per the prescribed guidelines of the OMCs, field verification of the selected candidates, issue of Letters of Intent to dealer-selects, etc. Further, setting up of the allotted dealerships/distributorships depends on factors like acquisition of suitable land, obtaining necessary statutory approvals/licences, construction, etc. Thus, the number of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships that would be allotted and set up in the State during the current year, i.e., 2005-06, would depend on these factors. However, the details of locations identified for setting up retail outlets /LPG distributorships in various States, including in the State of Maharashtra, are available with Director(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.