

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4380  
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LPG AGENCIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of LPG agencies functioning in different parts of the country as on June 30, 2005, State-wise ;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to set up more LPG agencies in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) : As on 1.7.2005, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 9104 LPG distributorships in the country. State-wise details are given in the Annex.

(b) & (c) : OMCs are free to set up LPG distributorships based on their commercial considerations. In view of this, no specific target has been fixed by Government for setting up of LPG distributorships. However, as a matter of policy, OMCs have been advised to concentrate their future expansion plans in semi-urban and rural areas.

**ANNEX**

THE DETAILS OF LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIPS OF OMCs IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 1.7.2005.

States/UTs    Number of LPG distributorships

Andhra Pradesh	814
Arunachal Pradesh	28
Assam	243
Bihar	291
Chhattisgarh	144
Delhi	308
Goa	52
Gujarat	539
Haryana	275
Himachal Pradesh	113
Jammu & Kashmir	150
Jharkhand	138
Karnataka	482
Kerala	370
Madhya Pradesh	550
Maharashtra	996
Manipur	30
Meghalaya	32
Mizoram	25
Nagaland	24
Orissa	176
Punjab	424
Rajasthan	433
Sikkim	4
Tamil Nadu	627
Tripura	28
Uttar Pradesh	1131
Uttaranchal	160
West Bengal	465
Andaman & Nicobar	4
Chandigarh	30
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Daman Diu	2
Lakshadweep	1
Pondicherry	14

TOTAL 9104