

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

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LPG CONNECTIONS

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

(a) the number of persons waiting for LPG connection in the country, State-wise and company-wise ;

(b) the number of consumers existing with each companies as on date ;

(c) whether the government has fixed any time frame to clear the waiting list ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the number of new connections released by each company during 2006, State-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a),(c)&(d) : At present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers and there is no overall waiting list for release of new connection in the country. However, Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(IOC) has reported waiting list of 4861 in the State of Kerala and 160 in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep as on 1.2.2007 for new LPG connections with their LPG distributors due to inadequate supply of cylinders by the cylinder manufacturers. Government has advised IOC to make alternate arrangements for supply of cylinders through other suppliers on a priority basis. IOC has reported that the waiting list is expected to be cleared by mid-April, 2007.

(b) : At present, 3 Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely IOC, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are releasing LPG connections in the country. As on 1.3.2007, OMCs are serving 937.55 lakhs LPG consumers in the country. The details are as under :-

Name of OMC	Number of consumers (Figure in lakhs)
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IOC	467
BPCL	232.53
HPCL	238.02
Total	937.55

(e) : OMCs have released 52,23,270 LPG connections in the country through their LPG distributors during the year 2006. The State-wise/company-wise details are at Annex.