

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

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VILLAGES IN U.P. DEPRIVED OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of villages and towns in Uttar Pradesh are deprived of LPG for cooking purpose;
- (b) if so, the names of such villages and towns along with the names of LPG distributors and;
- (c) the plan of Government to cover all such villages and towns for LPG supply ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The distribution of domestic subsidized LPG is being done through the distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). As on 1.4.2004, OMCs were operating 1015 LPG distributorships with a customer strength of 77.88 lakhs in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The details of villages covered by these distributorships are not maintained by OMCs. However, OMCs have carried out feasibility survey of all the Blocks in the State and identified 158 viable locations exclusively under rural category for inclusion in the earlier Marketing Plans. These distributorships cover 15 KM radius from the nuclear location to cover the surrounding rural areas. It is expected that after commissioning of all these distributorships, rural areas in the State would be fairly covered for LPG distribution.