

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

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COMPANIES DEALING WITH LPG CONNECTION & DISTRIBUTION IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and the number of companies dealing with LPG connection and distribution in West Bengal;
- (b) the number of distributors / dealers appointed by each company;
- (c) the name of such distributors / dealers;
- (d) whether the Government has a proposal to increase the LPG connections in that State; and
- (e) if so, the target set for 2004-2005?

Answer

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

(a) : At present, four Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely; Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and IBP Company Limited (IBP) are distributing LPG connections to the consumers in West Bengal.

(b) & (c) : As on 1.4.2004, OMCs were operating 426 LPG distributorships in the State of West Bengal. The names of LPG distributorships are available with Directors (Marketing) of the OMCs.

(d) & (e) : At present, LPG connections are available on demand in the country including the State of West Bengal. Further, OMCs have also been given freedom to set up LPG distributorships in various parts of the country, including rural areas, based on the potential of the locations and their commercial viability.