

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3645  
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ALLOTMENT OF GAS AGENCY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to open/allot a gas agency at Balachaur District Nawanshahr in Punjab, Nurpur Bedi District Ropar, Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be allotted?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining an independent distributorship.

The consumers of Balachaur, District Nawanshahr; Nurpurbedi, District Ropar and Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur are being catered by the three LPG distributorships of the OMCs.

OMCs have been advised to conduct a survey for feasibility of opening of LPG distributorships at Balachaur in District Nawanshahar, Nurpur Bedi in District Ropar and Garhshankar in District Hoshiarpur in the State of Punjab.