

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1123  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005  
SELECTION OF DISTRIBUTORS IN MP  
Argal Shri Ashok;Koli Shri Ramswaroop

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding interviews conducted by various oil companies for selection of distributors (LPG and RO) in Madhya Pradesh ;
- (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter ;
- (c) the follow-up action taken in the matter ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The selection of LPG distributorships and retail outlets is made by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) as per their laid down guidelines. OMCs have conducted 144 interviews for LPG distributorships and 349 locations for dealerships in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the year 2004. The complaints received by OMCs against the selections are investigated in line with the laid down policy guidelines. The details about the complaints received and action taken thereon are given in the Annexe.

Annexe

The details of locations interviewed for setting up of LPG distributorships and retail outlets during 2004 in Madhya Pradesh and complaints received thereon

Total number of locations interviewed against selection	Complaints received	Number of complaints established	Number of complaints pending for investigation
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LPG distributorships	144	37	1 3
Retail outlets	349	70	6 16