

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

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NEW LPG CONNECTION

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware the LPG agencies are refusing to provide new LPG connection to the consumers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been a huge backlog of waiting list for LPG connections in various States including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not stopped release of new LPG connections in the country. The enrolment of new LPG customers and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process. New LPG connections are made available as soon as possible and in any case, within a period of sixty days. During the year 2009-10 and between April 2010 to September 2010, OMCs have released 135 lakh LPG connections in the country including 13.79 lakh and 19.71 lakh LPG connections in the States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively.

OMCs have reported that as on 01.10.2010, there was a waiting list of 1.51 lakh in the country including 25,226 in the State of Tamil Nadu. However, OMCs have reported that at present there is no waiting list for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the State of Maharashtra. The waiting list is expected to be liquidated by December 2010 except in the State of Kerala where it is expected to be liquidated by February 2011.