

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

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OPENING OF LPG AGENCY IN KANDHMAL,ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) : whether the Government is aware that there is no LPG gas agency in Kandhmal district of Orissa and its surrounding areas;
- (b) : if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) : whether the Government propose to open LPG agencies in Kandhmal district and its neighbouring areas; and
- (d) : if so, the time by which the LPG agencies will be opened in the said district and its surrounding areas ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : One LPG distributorship of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is functional at Phulbani in Kandhmal District and Letter of Intent (LoI) for opening one more LPG distributorship by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) at Baliguda in Kandhmal District has been issued.

In addition to above, OMCs are in the process of opening 17 new LPG distributorships in the State during the current financial year which are at various stages of commissioning.

Since the commissioning process, post advertisement, involves receipt of application forms, scrutiny of the same, selection of the candidates, field verification of the credentials of the selected candidate, setting up of the infrastructure, procurement of various mandatory licences and approvals, and disposal of complaints/litigation if any, it is not possible to specify exactly when these locations will commissioned.