

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

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LPG GODOWNS

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

- (a) whether many LPG godowns are situated in the close vicinity of the important places of worship where thousands of people gather for prayer ;
- (b) if so, whether there are chances of probable mishap due to such proximities ; and
- (c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to avoid any such mishap ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : LPG godowns are constructed as per guidelines/specifications prescribed by Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE), Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), which includes maintenance of minimum distances from boundary walls of the LPG godown. Prior approvals are obtained from PESO and local administration/Fire Department for the site plan and godown construction details. Subsequently, inspection of LPG godowns are carried out by the officials of PESO from time to time, to ensure compliance of safety requirements and licenses are renewed every year based on these inspections. The officials of Oil Marketing Companies also inspect godowns to ensure that all rules are complied with.