

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

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LPG BOTTLING PLANTS

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

(a) the location-wise details of LPG bottling plants in the country set up or likely to be set up during the next three years by the Oil Marketing Companies;

(b) whether the supply of LPG by these plants is sufficient to meet the current demand of the country particularly in the rural and backward areas ;

(c) if so, the details of supply of LPG from these plants during the last three years, year-wise ; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to provide uninterrupted supply of LPG throughout the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a) : As on 01.12.2011, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have been operating 180 LPG bottling plants in the country. Further, OMCs have proposed to set up 27 more new LPG bottling plants in the country. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) : Yes, Madam.

(c) : Through these 180 bottling plants, OMCs have supplied 35859.30 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) LPG in the country during the last three years. The year-wise details are as under :

Year Sales (in TMT)

2008-09 10967.28

2009-10 11799.46

2010-11 13092.56

(d) : Besides, timely imports of LPG by OMCs, as and when required, Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog, if any, by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours.