

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to appoint more LPG distributors in Ghatshila area of Jamshedpur ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and ;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problem of shortage of LPG supply in Jharkhand ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that at present, there is no proposal to appoint any LPG distributorship in Ghatshila area of Jamshedpur.

(c) : While BPCL has nil backlog in the State of Jharkhand, IOC and HPCL have reported a backlog in the State due to a combination of factors viz, disruption in supplies due to non-materialization of adequate imports, non-availability of bulk LPG at Haldia port and outage of two pumps at cavern storage in Vizag which is being tackled by additional bulk LPG imports and operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours.