

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

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MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS

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

- (a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have developed a software to identify multiple LPG connections by customers ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the multiple connections identified so far by each of the OMCs separately, State/UT-wise ; and
- (d) the details of punitive action taken against the customers found to be having multiple LPG connections in their names ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Efforts are being made by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for identifying multiple connections in the same name and/or same address by a software based de-duplication process.

(c) : As on 01.04.2012, 28,77,942 multiple connections have been identified. The State-wise/UT-wise and oil company-wise details are at Annex.

(d) : On establishing multiple connections within the same household, all connections except one are blocked and they are terminated when equipments are surrendered by the customer.