

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether new LPG connections are not being issued in various parts of the country including Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) and the waiting list for new connections is growing everyday ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ease this situation ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) continue to enroll new LPG customers and release new LPG connections on demand in the country, including Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR), subject to the applicant residing within the area of operation of the distributorship and fulfilling requisite documentation for availing a new LPG connection, and after due verification.

While BPCL and HPCL have reported no waiting list in the country including Delhi and NCR, IOC has reported that there is a waiting list of 1.35 lakhs as on 01.04.2012 for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the country. The backlog is due to shortage of equipment, shortage of bulk LPG due to non-materialisation of imports, unplanned/planned shutdown at indigenous production centres, maintenance problems at 2 major ports and bulk LPG Transporters' strike for 15 days in Southern Region and 9 days in Western Region. However, there is no waiting list for release of new connection in Delhi and NCR.

(c) : Efforts are being made by IOC to tide over the bulk LPG shortage through tie up for sufficient imports for May, 2012. The production centres which were under shutdown have resumed normal production and the maintenance problems at the 2 major ports have also been sorted out.