

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

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OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES IN WEST BENGAL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has invited new tenders to open more LPG agencies in Cooch Behar, Balurghat and Purlia districts of West Bengal to meet the demand of the public;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the new agencies are likely to be opened ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA )

(a) to (c) : Notices inviting applications for selection for LPG distributorship have been issued in 2007-08 by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for establishing new LPG distributorships at four locations in Cooch Behar, two in Dakshin Dinajpur (one of them at Balurghat) and two in Purlia District of West Bengal and selection process is in progress as per policy.

However, at this stage it is not possible to indicate any time frame for setting up of LPG distributorships.