

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

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LPG CYLINDERS TO NEW CONSUMERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked all the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to provide LPG cylinders to all new customers on urgent basis due to severe drought like situation in many States ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government and various OMCs for prompt delivery of LPG cylinders in such States ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Madam. However, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) 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, 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.

LPG distributors effect the delivery of the refill LPG cylinder within shortest possible time under normal circumstances. In order to meet the peak demand, operations of bottling plants are undertaken on Sundays and holidays on need basis and on an extended hours on regular working days.