## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF GAS AGENCIES BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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## Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allowed certain private sector oil companies to set up gas agencies and retail outlets of petroleum products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received reports about some companies/ persons illegally collecting money from the people for allotment of gas agencies and retail outlets by issuing fake advertisements; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against those companies/ persons indulging in such malpractices?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): As per the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000, vide Notification dated 26.04.2000 parallel marketing of LPG by parallel marketeer can carry on any or all of the business of importing, storing, bottling, marketing, distributing and/ or selling LPG under the Parallel Marketing System (PMS).

The parallel marketer, operate subject to fulfillment of the conditions prescribed in the said LPG Control Order.

As per information furnished by Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) M/s. SHV Energy (P) Limited, M/s. TotalGaz, M/s. Caltex and M/s. Shell Gas (LPG) India are reporting sale of domestic LPG in the country under the PMS.

As per the Resolution of 8th March 2002, Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to seven private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL), M/s. Shell India Marketing Private Limited (SIMPL), M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL), M/s. Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), M/s. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Limited (MRPL) and M/s. Nagarjuna Oil Corporation Limited (NOCL).

(c) & (d) : The sale under PMS is not controlled by the Government.