

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

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

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Corporations have detected thousands of dead LPG connection cards on certain LPG distributors in Haryana and Punjab and have not conducted the enquiry for finding out the reasons for such large number of dead cards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Public Sector Oil Corporations are bound to impose the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) for this offence against the distributors after establishing the offence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Public Sector Oil Corporations maintain the record of reasons for such dead cards like fake LPG connections and multiple connections; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which such records are likely to be maintained ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that LPG connections are de-activated (considered as dead) for not drawing refill for more than six months. Normally no separate enquiry is conducted for such customers. As on 01.01.2013 the number of de-activated customers in the State of Punjab and Haryana are 609589 & 329757 respectively.
- (c) & (d) There is no separate Marketing Discipline Guidelines for the distributors having de-activated customers.
- (e) & (f) The record of suspect list of multiple LPG connections is available with the OMCs. Disconnections from this list is done in cases that are found to be multiple connections after due physical verification. No separate record of reason for deactivating a customer is maintained by the OMCs.