

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:132  
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BAN ON NEW LPG CONNECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State owned oil companies have stopped providing new LPG connections;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for denying new LPG connections to the consumers in the rural areas by the LPG distributors ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not stopped release of new LPG connections. New LPG connections are made available as soon as possible and in any case, within a period of sixty days. During the period April-September, 2009, OMCs have released 39.01 lakh new LPG connections in the country.

While HPCL has nil waiting list in the country, IOC and BPCL have reported that there is a waiting list of 1,35,527 as on 01.10.2009 for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the country due to shortage of equipment. The State-wise details of waiting list position as on 01.11.2009 are at Annexure. The waiting list is expected to be liquidated by end of November, 2009.