

State	Percentage of Dealerships to be awarded to ST category	Balance % to be awarded to Open Category
Arunachal Pradesh	70	30
Meghalaya	80	20
Nagaland	80	20
Mizoram	90	10

Division of LPG Agencies on Compassionate Grounds

†1626. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2745 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th April, 1999 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compassionate based partnership agencies available to Scheduled Castes are also included in said agency;

(b) if so, whether a request for division of the same has been received; and

(c) if so, by when and what are the reasons for delay in decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Out of the 5 LPG distributorships mentioned in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2745 for 15.4.99, which have requested Government for bifurcation of their LPG distributorship, M/s Anand Gas Agency, Mokama, Bihar is the only LPG distributorship awarded under 'SC' category. As per the existing policy, bifurcation of LPG distributorships is allowed under the DGR category only. The Government has not approved the request for bifurcation of the above 5 LPG distributorships.

Seismic Survey in Bengal Basin

1627. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: