

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans, 69 LPG distributorships have been included in the current Marketing Plan for Punjab. This includes 7 LPG distributorships in Amritsar District and 5 LPG distributorship in district Ferozepur.

**LPG Agencies Allotted to SCs/STs in Punjab**

2408. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new LPG agencies allotted to SCs/STs in Punjab, district-wise;

(b) the number of applications pending with Government during the last two years district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 1.10.1999 there were 46 LPG distributorships in operation in Punjab belonging to Scheduled Castes and none for Scheduled Tribes.

(b) and (c) Two Dealer Selection Boards were constituted for Punjab for making selections for locations pending in the State. In respect of 68 LPG distributorships which have already been advertised interviews are to be conducted by the Dealer Selection Boards in Punjab.

**Check on Growing Demand of Petroleum Products**

†2409. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to check the constantly growing demand of petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of those petroleum products whose demand has declined during the last three years as a result of each of such efforts alongwith the extent to which the same has declined in each case; and

(c) whether Government have also assessed the quantum of annual consumption of petrol and diesel in the Pubic and Private Sector separately; if so, the quantum thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.PONNUSWAMY):**

(a) and (b) Government have implemented a number of schemes to avoid wasteful consumption of petroleum products. These include awareness compaigns, training/programme in the transport sector, replacement of efficient boilers, furnaces and other oil operated equipment with efficient ones in the industrial sector, rectification of existing pumps to make them more energy efficient in the agriculture sector, development as well as promotion of fuel efficient equipment and appliances like kerosene and LPG stove in the household sector etc.

(c) No. Sir.

### **Increase in the Import of Petroleum Products**

**†2410. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:**

**SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been constant increase in the quantum of crude oil including petroleum products imported in the country during the past years;

(b) if so, the names of the petroleum products which have been imported during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 alongwith the quantum and value of each petroleum product so imported, year-wise; and

(c) the quantum and value of crude oil imported during the said years, year-wise?