

THE MINISTER OF EXTENAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed on 7th September, 1993, during the Prime Minister's visit to China. In pursuance of the Agreement, an India-China Expert Group was formed to assist the India-China Joint Working Group. The Eighth Session of India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question was held in New Delhi, from August 18—20, 1995. The Fourth Session on the India-China Expert Group was held in Beijing, from February 7—9, 1996. The two sides discussed border-related issues, including additional confidence building measures, clarification of the line of actual control (LAC) between India and China and force reductions along the LAC.

Commission/service charges by Modern Food Industries Ltd.

697. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Modern Food Industries Limited have passed on commission/service charges to private dealers against supplies of their products made to State Government especially the U.P. Government; and

(b) if so, the amounts and the names of the parties during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Automatic Mail Processing Centre in the Country

698. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Automatic Mail Processing Centres as at present in the country;

(b) the names of places where these Centres have been opened;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up such Centres in any other part of the country during the current year; and

(d) if so, the names of places identified for opening these Centres and the period by which the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Two.

(b) Automatic Mail Processing Centres have been set up at Bombay and Madras.

(c) and (d) While Delhi, Calcutta and Bangalore have been indentified for opening such centres, the automatic mail processing centre at Meenambakam Air Port, Madras was dedicated to the Nation during the current year in Jan. 1996. No other automatic mail processing centre is being set up during the current year.

Consumption and Production of Gas in the Country

699. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of LPG at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of LPG agencies at present, State-wise;

(c) the details of the consumption and production of the LPG during each of the last two years; and

(d) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between consumption and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) The details of the consumption and production of LPG during each of the last two years (1993-94 and 1994-95) are as under:

Year	LPG Production	Figures in TMT
		LPG Consumption
1993-94	2609	3113
1994-95	2858	3434
Balance requirement is met by imports.		

(d) Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new projects and augmenting the supply through imports. Government since February, 1993 has also allowed the import and sale of LPG by private agencies.

Statement
Consumption and Production of Gas in the Country

LPG Consumption - 1994-95

Figs. in MT

States	Packed	Bulk	Total	No. of LPG distributors as on 1.10.1995
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	243880	10138	254018	420
Arunachal Pradesh	2931	12	2943	15
Assam	50195	538	50733	128
Bihar	98787	650	99437	181
Goa	16762	62	16824	30
Gujarat	252459	36826	289285	329
Haryana	100536	4894	105430	158
Himachal Pradesh	21382	0	21382	62
Jammu & Kashmir	30242	20	30262	81
Karnataka	162411	7809	170220	287
Kerala	91604	24197	115801	182
Madhya Pradesh	162519	5292	167811	278
Maharashtra	557515	48387	605902	628
Manipur	5947	8	5955	13
Meghalaya	4489	45	4534	16
Mizoram	3565	4	3569	10
Nagaland	3831	2	3833	15
Orissa	34259	255	34514	100
Punjab	141908	5911	147819	228
Rajasthan	123355	8017	131372	208
Sikkim	1449	12	1461	2
Tamilnadu	272639	12327	284966	364
Tripura	4090	5	4095	12
Uttar Pradesh	386705	11754	398459	565
West Bengal	174059	1898	175957	264
Union Territories				
Andaman & Nicobar	938	0	938	1
Chandigarh	19296	12	19308	28
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	405	13	418	1
Delhi	275534	1527	277061	250
Daman & Diu	552	7	559	2
Lakshadweep	68	0	68	1
Pondicherry	5215	1860	7075	10
Total	3251292	182494	3433786	4869