

during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period; and

(b) the details of the strategy for the distribution and production schedule of LPG cylinders in the country, region-wise, for the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) According to present estimates, the requirement of the oil industry for LPG cylinders during the Seventh Five Year Plan period will be as under:—

	(Lakhs)
1985-86	40.15
1986-87	42.70
1987-88	43.20
1988-89	44.25
1989-90	45.20

(b) The existing capacity for manufacture of LPG cylinders, most of it in the private sector is far in excess of the requirement. Procurement of the requirements will be made from time to time by the oil industry from the various manufacturing units.

Production and requirement of LPG cylinders

626. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG cylinders produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total requirement of LPG cylinders during the same period in the country;

(c) the total difference between the requirement and production during the same period, if any; and

(d) the reasons for such difference; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The following table gives the requirement, production and difference in respect of LPG cylinders for the last 3 years:

(Fig. in lakhs)

Year	Requirement	Production	Difference
1982-83	24 (including utilisation of inventory of previous year)	19	5
1983-84	32.25 (Requirement pegged to actual production)	32.25	—
1984-85	47.06 (including building up of an inventory stock of 10 lakh cylinders with the oil companies as on 1-4-85)	42.66	4.40

(d) The difference between requirement and production of LPG cylinders in 1982-83 was due to insufficient supplies from indigenous

sources, whereas during 1984-85 it was owing to reduced requirement of the oil companies.