

Mineral	Unit	District	Reserve
Feldspar	tonne	Purulia	25,874
		Bankura	442
Fire clay	000 tonne	Birbhum	971
		Purulia	316
Granite	000 tonne	Purulia	3,658
		Bankura	192
Quartz-Silica sand	000 tonne	Burdwan	12
		Purulia	1,598

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines.

Supply of LPG to all cities of the country

†1233. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated to supply LPG to all cities of the country;

(b) the stage of implementation of these schemes;

(c) the names of the cities of Bihar for which it is planned to install piped gas in view of the fact that the usage of LPG is increasing steadily on a large scale; and

(d) the details of efforts being made by Government in order to bring usage of LPG in Bihar to the National average level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) aim to increase the National LPG coverage to 75% with minimum 60% coverage at State level. As on 01.11.2015, OMCs have 19.27 crore LPG customers, out of which, approximately 12 crore are urban customers.

(c) Cities in Bihar are targeted to be covered with piped gas in synchronization with extension of gas pipeline connectivity.

(d) To increase the penetration, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are appointing new LPG distributors regularly and more than 97% of blocks are being catered by at least one LPG distributorship.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.