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found to be false in any material respect, the OMC can terminate the dealership/distributorship under this agreement.

LPG agencies in Rajasthan and Punjab

1415. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

- (a) the number of LPG agencies operating in Rajasthan and Punjab;
- (b) the number of consumers served by each of these agencies in these States; and
- (c) the details of the number of LPG connections given by them during the last three years, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As on 1.7.2004, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 408 and 412 LPG distributorships in Rajasthan and Punjab respectively.

(b) As on 1.7.2004, OMCs were serving 31.96 lakh customers in Rajasthan and 37.31 lakh in Punjab. The details of customers served by each distributor is available with OMCs.

(c) The number of LPG connections released by OMCs in Rajasthan and Punjab during last three years is as under:-

(Figures in lakh)

Year	Rajasthan	Punjab
2001-02	2.35	3.82
2002-03	2.80	3.76
2003-04	3.61	3.92

Details of connections released district-wise is available with OMCs.