

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**LOCATION OF LPG GODOWNS NEAR RELIGIOUS PLACES .**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many LPG godowns are situated in the close vicinity of the important places of worship of different religions where thousand of people gather for prayer ;
- (b) if so, whether there are chances of probable mishap due to such proximities ;
- (c) if so, whether Government would consider to pass suitable directions to avoid the chances of such mishap from happenings ; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA )

(a) to (d) : LPG godowns are constructed as per guidelines/specifications provided by Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE), Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), which includes necessary safety distances from boundary walls of the LPG godown. Godowns of LPG cylinders are issued licences by PESO only after confirming compliance of the safety aspects through inspection of the premises. Subsequent, inspection of LPG godowns are carried out by the officials of PESO from time to time to ensure compliance of safety requirement and accordingly licenses renewed every year based on their inspection. The officials of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) also inspect godowns every quarter to ensure that all the provisions of rules are complied with.