

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 836  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2018**

**LPG Bottling Plants**

**836. SHRI G. HARI:**

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether many public sector oil companies propose to set up LPG bottling plants across the country to ensure uniform delivery of LPG to customers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether there is variation in delivery time of LPG to customers from one region to another region and if so, the details thereof along with concrete steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) set up LPG bottling plants in order to meet the demand of LPG cylinders. As on 01.07.2018, there are 190 LPG Bottling Plants in the country.
- (b) OMCs endeavour to meet the full demand of domestic LPG customers across the country. However, there could be variation in delivery time of LPG refills to consumers from one region to another in the country due to temporary disruption in LPG supplies due to floods/poor road conditions, bandh/agitations/strikes, unplanned shutdown of indigenous sources, occupancy of jetty at ports by other vessels, delay in berthing of vessels due to bad weather conditions both at overseas loading sources and discharge ports/breakdown of vessels etc. As and when refill backlog gets generated, all out efforts are made by OMCs for clearing the same by augmenting bulk LPG supplies, arranging additional imports, positioning of bulk at the plants through alternate routes and operation of plants on sundays/holidays/ extra time. OMCs also set up new LPG bottling plants, augment capacity of existing LPG bottling plants and expand the distribution network by commissioning new LPG distributorships with an attempt to ensure uniform and reduced delivery time of LPG refills to customers across the country.