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### Allotment of Gas Agencies/Petrol Pumps in Himachal Pradesh

1825. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the particulars of the persons/societies who were allotted gas agencies/petrol or diesel pumps in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years alongwith the names of the places (district-wise);

(b) the criteria followed in the sanction of these agencies/pumps; and

(c) the number and names of applicants on each case alongwith the reasons for the rejection of those who were not allotted these items?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Particulars of the persons/parties who were allotted gas agencies/petrol or diesel pumps in the last three years are given in the statement.

(b) According to the guidelines in-force during the relevant period, 25

per cent of all types of agencies of the public sector oil companies, were reserved for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, 2 per cent were reserved for physically handicapped persons and the remaining 73 per cent were to be awarded on commercial consideration, preference being given to genuine and efficient Consumer Co-operative Societies and Agro-Industries Corporations. No person would be awarded a new dealership/agency if he or his other close relative like his spouse, father, brother or son already holds a dealership/agency with any oil company. All appointments were to be made after inviting applications by giving advertisements in newspapers in circulation in the area concerned. Selection of candidates has to be made by duly constituted Selection Committees set up for the purpose by respective oil companies.

(c) A large number of persons apply in respect of these dealerships and full records as to names of all these applicants are not readily available in respect of all the oil companies. After selection of the dealer is completed from among the applicants, the remaining applications are deemed rejected.

#### Statement

*Particulars of persons/parties awarded gas agencies/petrol/diesel pumps in the last three years in Himachal Pradesh*

Dealerships/ agencies	Name of party	Location	District	
<i>Petrol/diesel pumps</i>				
(i)	M/s. Ramsons Filling Station . . . . .	Mubarakpur	Una	
(ii)	Shri Sohan Singh Dutt . . . . .	Damtal	Kangra	
(iii)	M/s. Nerula Service Station . . . . .	Damtal	Kangra	
	Sardar Joginder Singh Shri Daljit Singh Shri Narinder Singh Shri Rashpal Singh	} Partners		
<i>Gas Agencies</i>				
(i)	Shri Vincet Kumar . . . . .		Simla	Simla
(ii)	Shri Vijay Singh . . . . .		Dharamshala	Kangra