

Expansion of Retail Outlets in Tamil Nadu

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

- (a) whether the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) propose to expand their Retail Outlet (RO) network in rural areas of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any specific steps are being taken by Public Sector OMCs to ensure the availability of petrol and diesel in rural areas of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of new petrol pumps set up in rural areas of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) whether the Government has set any specific targets for the number of new petrol pumps to be established in rural areas of Tamil Nadu under the current expansion plans and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a)to(d) Expansion of Retail Outlet (RO) network (in urban/rural) by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motor fuels such as petrol & diesel throughout the country including rural areas of Tamil Nadu. ROs are set up by Public Sector OMCs at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. The Government does not set any target for setting up of ROs.

As on 30.06.2024, PSU OMCs have set up 1,375 retail outlets in rural areas of Tamil Nadu. The number of petrol pumps set up by PSU OMCs in rural areas of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year are as below:

Year	Number of Retail Outlets set up in rural areas of Tamil Nadu
2021-22	90
2022-23	64
2023-24	46
2024-25 (Apr-Jun 24)	18
Total	218

The newly set up as well as the existing petrol pumps in rural areas of Tamil Nadu State will facilitate the availability of petrol and diesel nearer to the consuming centers.