

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF RETAIL OUTLETS BY OIL COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a): the total number of retail outlets of various oil companies throughout the country in regard to which the Dealer Selection Board could not have selected any dealer for the concerned retail outlets on two or more occasions in the absence of the applicants belonging to the respective categories;
- (b): the number of outlets out of them running on `Coco` pattern in the absence of the full time dealer belonging to the concerned category;
- (c): whether the Government are contemplating to change the category in respect of such outlets; and
- (d): if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): There are 40 retail outlet dealerships of various oil companies, for which dealers could not be selected by the Dealer Selection Boards in the absence of suitable applicants belonging to the respective categories. Out of these, 11 dealerships are being operated on COCO basis pending the selection of regular dealers.

The retail outlet dealerships for which dealers could not be selected in the absence of suitable applicants belonging to the respective categories even after two advertisements, are decategorised with the approval of the Government and the shortfall in reservation in the particular category is made good in the ensuing Marketing Plan.