

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

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LABORATORIES FOR TESTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has notified a number of laboratories for testing samples of petroleum product;
- (b) if so, the total number of laboratories authorised to test samples of petroleum products at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether these laboratories are sufficient to meet the present demand;
- (d) if so, whether Government has any plan to set up more such laboratories near the petrol pumps;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Yes, Sir. Government in the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of malpractices) Order, 1998 and its amendments have notified number of laboratories for testing petroleum product samples.
- (b) to (f) : Oil Companies have number of laboratories at their refineries/installations apart from having mobile laboratories in the country for testing of fuels. Oil Companies augment the number of laboratories from time to time, if required. In addition, various other agencies like Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Petroleum, Forensic Department, Defence laboratories, etc., have also got laboratories for testing of fuels.