

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:425

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RETAIL OUTLETS BY ONGC

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

- (a) whether there are any proposal to open retail outlets and LPG agencies by ONGC all over the country ;
- (b) if so, the details of the plans of ONGC to open retail outlets ;
- (c) the time schedule of the scheme and whether the scheme will be broad-based ;
- (d) the likely gains to ONGC from such retail outlets ;
- (e) whether a huge sales network have been put in place ; and
- (f) if so, the details of such plans by ONGC ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) to (c) : Yes Sir, ONGC is planning to set up 1,100 Retail Outlets in 12 States/UTs of country in phases over a period of 3-4 years. However, there is no plan to set up LPG agencies by ONGC.
- (d) : In line with global petroleum companies, ONGC has embarked upon the integration of upstream/downstream business of petroleum. Such synergy results in sustained cash flow, considering the variable time scale cycles in the upstream and downstream business.
- (e) & (f) : ONGC has not set up any Retail Outlet as on date.