

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

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FUEL RETAILING BY ONGC

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

- (a) whether ONGC is contemplating to undertake retail trade of petrol, diesel and LPG ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the amount likely to be invested by ONGC in this trade ; and
- (d) the number of petrol, diesel and LPG retail outlets proposed to be opened during the current year State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : ONGC have been authorized to market transportation fuels and have commissioned their first Retail Outlet (RO) on 19.3.2005 at Mangalore. ONGC have also been allowed to market seasonally surplus LPG through the parallel marketing system or directly, after meeting domestic requirements, till 31.3.2006 and thereafter market LPG with effect from 1.4.2006.

(c) : For the financial year 2005-06, ONGC have made a provision of Rs. 10 crore for setting up of ROs.

(d) : The opening of ROs depends upon various factors such as identification of viable locations, release of advertisements, conducting interviews etc and hence it is not possible to indicate the exact number of ROs to be opened by ONGC during the current year. However, ONGC have reported that they propose to open up 15 ROs in Karnataka and Gujarat during the current year at Government/ ONGC owned locations.