

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

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PETROL AND DIESEL RETAIL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of retail outlets of oil PSUs, where low sulphur petrol and diesel are being supplied in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether high performance petrol and diesel containing Octane 91 are also being distributed / supplied in the country; and
- (c) if so, the number of retail outlets in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

(a) : The Government have specified different specifications of Motor Spirit (MS) (Petrol) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) (Diesel) that will be introduced in the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, as under:-

- (i) Bharat Stage-II MS throughout the country w.e.f. 1.4.2005.
- (ii) Bharat Stage-II HSD in all the States/Union Territories except in the States of Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir and certain districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh, w.e.f. 1.4.2005.
- (iii) Euro-III equivalent MS and HSD in eleven identified cities, including Chennai, w.e.f. 1.4.2005.
- (iv) Euro-III equivalent MS in Sholapur and Lucknow cities w.e.f. 1.6.2005.

(b)&(c): The oil marketing companies are supplying high performance petrol and diesel through select retail outlets in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu, under different brand names.