

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

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RETAIL OUTLETS OF IOC

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

- (a): the number of retail outlets opened by Indian Oil Corporation in different States;
- (b): whether IOC has a proposal to set up more such retail outlets and also to modernize these outlets;
- (c): if so, the number of retail outlets proposed to be set up by IOC in 2007-08, State- wise;
- (d): the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e): the steps taken to modernize those outlets?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): During the last three years, i.e., 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, a total number of 3,855 retail outlet dealerships were opened by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) in different States of the country.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. IOC has planned to set up 1600 new retail outlets through out the country during 2007-08.

(d): The expenditure of about Rs.160 crores is likely to be incurred by IOC on setting up of the above new retail outlets.

(e): The steps for modernization of retail outlets by IOC include providing a latest forecourt facility like Electronic Pre-set Pump/Multi Product Dispensers (MPDs), tanks of adequate capacity, driveway (concrete or paver blocks), canopy, lighting and modern signage at the existing retail outlets.

Modernization of retail outlets is an ongoing activity based on the requirements of the customers, sales potential of the locations, availability of adequate space and subject to receipt of all statutory approvals.