

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PETROL PUMPS ON HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of newly installed petrol pumps of HPCL on National Highway in Haryana and Punjab are not having clearance from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways;
- (b) the amount of investment on such pumps has been made by HPCL for developing the A and B sites, category-wise; and
- (c) the action proposed by the Government against the responsible officers for wasting the funds?

Answer

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

- (a): The number of newly installed Retail Outlets (ROs) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in the States of Punjab and Haryana not having final clearance from National Highways Authority of India (NHA) is 9 and 14 respectively.
- (b): The amount spent by HPCL on 'A' sites (Company owned) and 'B' sites (Company leased) is Rs.62 lakh and Rs.38 lakh respectively.
- (c): The expenditure incurred is mainly on preliminary activities like boundary wall, site development etc. which is a commercial practice followed by the Oil Industry. For delays by the officers of the State Government, the State Government is responsible.