

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

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SETTING UP OF KISSAN SEWA KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): The details of the Kisan Sewa Kendras (KSKs) set up by various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) across the country till date, State-wise;
- (b): whether some of the KSKs have been set up in urban areas while the project was exclusively for rural areas;
- (c): if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d): the action plan prepared by the Oil companies to set up such more Kendras in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a): As on 1.10.2009, 2672 Kisan Sewa Kendras (KSKs) of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), 1334 Hamara Pumps of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and 785 Rural Retail Outlets of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have been set up across the country. The state-wise details of such retail outlets (RO) are available with Director (Marketing) of public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs).

(b) & (c): KSKs/ Hamara Pumps / Rural Retail Outlets are low cost retail outlets developed by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) to cater to rural/ agricultural market in order to reach diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at Kisan's doorstep. The objective of such ROs is to cater to rural/ agricultural market and hence, such outlets are not set up in Urban areas.

(d): During the current year, IOC plans to setup 376 KSKs, HPCL plans to set up 650 Hamara Pumps and BPCL plans to set up 200 rural retail outlets.