

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

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OPENING OF DEALERSHIP DISTRIBUTORSHIP BY OMCs  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a): the total number of gas, petrol and diesel distributors who were provided dealership/distributorship by each oil company and public sector oil undertakings in the country during the last two years and in the current year;
- (b): the details of performance of the said distributors in the country, State-wise;
- (c): whether oil and gas distributors who have been given dealership by public sector oil companies are unable to work properly; and
- (d): if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The number of Retail Outlet (RO) dealership and LPG distributorship commissioned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) during the last two years and current year are as under:

OMCs	No. of RO dealerships	No. of LPG dealerships
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IOC	2125	76
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HPC	739	56
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BPC	641	80
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Considering the market conditions and potential available in the trading areas, on the whole the performances of RO dealerships and LPG distributorships set up by OMCs during last two years and current year are satisfactory.

OMCs regularly monitor the performance of the dealers /distributors as well as investigate any complaints made against them. Based on the finding of the investigations, corrective action, including guidance / counseling, action as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / dealership / distributorship agreement are taken. In cases of proven multiple / serious irregularities, dealership/distributorship involved are suspended / terminated by OMCs.