

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

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PETROLEUM RETAIL OUTLETS BY PRIVATE SECTORS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been permitted to operate private sector petroleum retail outlets throughout the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; (
- (c) whether private sector petroleum outlets are charging more than the Government approved rates;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As per the Resolution of 8th March 2002, Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to four private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL), M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL) and M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL).

As on 01.04.2009, RIL, EOL and SIMPL have set up 1432, 1285 and 69 Retail Outlets (ROs) respectively in the country. State-wise number of ROs established by these companies is indicated in the Statement.

RPL has informed that they have not set up any RO in the country.

(c) to (e) : The private sector oil companies are free to take pricing decisions on commercial considerations and they are not covered under the subsidy sharing mechanism as per the Government Resolution of 8th March, 2008.

STATEMENT

State-wise number of Retail Outlets set up by private sectors in the country as on 01.04.2009.

STATE/UT	RIL	EOL	SIMPL
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ANDHRA PRADESH	129	77	08
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BIHAR	60	62	0
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DELHI	46	54	0
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GUJARAT	246	198	05
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KARNATAKA	80	71	22
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KERALA 44 39 0

MADHYA PRADESH 111 107 0

MAHARASHTRA 160 172 12

NORTH EAST STATES 35 45 2

ORISSA 42 33 0

PUNJAB 85 45 0

RAJASTHAN 107 97 0

TAMIL NADU 95 63 20

UTTAR PRADESH 143 190 0

WEST BENGAL 49 32 0

TOTAL 1432 1285 69