

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

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MODERNISATION OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities and towns in Assam where extensive pollution control measures like introduction of CNG and distribution of purified petroleum products are ensured alongwith modernisation of petrol pumps;
- (b) whether any specific action plan has been contemplated for Guwahati and some other towns of the State in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of petrol pumps in the State which have already been modernised, company-wise; and
- (e) the target set for modernisation of remaining petrol pumps in Assam?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Due to unavailability of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) pipeline grid in Assam, the facility of CNG at Retail Outlets (ROs) has not been introduced. Auto Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) facility has been provided at 4 ROs in three (3) cities i.e. Guwahati, Jorhat and Tinsukia. Premium Fuels i.e. Branded Petrol and Diesel are also being sold at some ROs in addition to normal petrol and diesel.

(d) & (e): 62 ROs of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), 7 ROs of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and 23 ROs of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have been modernised in the State of Assam. 54 ROs of IOCL, 5 ROs of BPCL and 4 ROs of HPCL are planned for modernisation in Financial Year (FY) 2010-11. The modernisation of petrol pumps will be taken up in a phased manner depending on market conditions, sales potential, availability of space and subject to receipt of statutory approvals.