

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

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OPENING OF PETROL /DIESEL PUMPS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Union Government proposes to open petrol/diesel pumps at Polay city of Shajapur district and at Borasa and Pipalarvon cities of Devas district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b): If not, whether being an agricultural dominated area, the farmers are facing a lot of difficulties due to non-availability of petrol and diesel pumps in the above cities; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to open petrol and diesel pumps in the above cities?

**Answer**

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

(a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) have no plan to open new Retail Outlets (RO) at Poloy city of Shajapur district and at Borasa and Pipalarvon cities of Devas district in Madhya Pradesh. However, IOC has a proposal to develop a Kisan Sewa Kendra (KSK), a low cost rural RO, at Borasa in Devas district in Madhya Pradesh in the near future. IOC had opened an RO in Poloy city in the year 2001, which was terminated on 15.02.2007 on the grounds of malpractice by the dealer. The RO is presently inoperative and IOC had proposed to appoint a permanent dealer through advertisement. In Pipalarvon city, IOC had advertised 4 times for procurement of land for development of a KSK. However, no positive response was received for the same. To cater the needs of the nearby farmers, IOC has developed a KSK at Barkhedi Fata, only 8 KMs from Pipalarvon city. HPC has one RO within 3 KMs from Dewas at Jetpura village and the Corporation has released an advertisement for new RO at Modi village, which is within 2 KMs from Borasa. Currently, there are more than 50 ROs of OMCs operating in the districts of Shajapur and Dewas in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The demand of the farmers in the agricultural dominated area is currently met fully with the help of existing ROs/ KSKs of OMCs. Further, IOC is contemplating to set up 15 new ROs and 30 KSKs in other parts of the Shajapur and Dewas districts of Madhya Pradesh in the near future.

(c) New ROs are set up by OMCs based on the feasibility study of the location. Locations found feasible and economically viable are rostered in the State-wise Marketing Plans for setting up of ROs.