

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

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DIGITAL METER READING MACHINES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government has installed digital meter reading machines at petrol pumps in various States of the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken stringent action against the petrol pump owners who have not installed digital meter reading machines; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Electronic display in the Dispensing Units (DU)/ Multi Product Dispenser (MPDs) are being installed by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs.), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) at their retail outlets as a part of modernization/upgradation of retail networks. These units are installed to measure MS & HSD being dispensed to the vehicles by way of digital /electronic display. Modernization of retail outlets is a continuous process depending upon the needs / potential of the business and taken forward as per laid down parameters. Providing additional or replacing the existing dispensing pumps with MPDs is the responsibility of OMCs and not of the dealers. This is a continuous process subject to the requirements and funds availability for such activities.