

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

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SHIFTING OF OIL DEPOT  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some of the oil depots and bottling plants in various parts of the country including Delhi are located in thickly populated areas posing severe threat to human life and environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken with regard to the shifting of these oil depots located in Delhi and Jaipur to some other places; and
- (d) if so, the locations at which these depots are likely to be shifted?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The setting up of oil depots and LPG bottling plants depend on the supply-demand situation of the area to be served and the location is determined by various factors like mandatory clearances from Central/ State and local authorities. Generally, the oil depots/bottling plants are set up in scarcely populated areas. However, it is observed that the density of population increases after the depots/plants are commissioned. Shifting of oil and gas depots from any location depend on the recommendations of respective Chief Inspectorate of Factories of State Governments and State Pollution Control Board. It also, depends on the availability of suitable land from the State Government and financial viability of the new location.

As on date, 108 oil depots and 57 LPG bottling plants of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are located near residential areas/industrial areas & other habitation in the country. The State-wise details of oil depots and bottling plants located near the populated areas are available with the Director (Marketing) of OMCs.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. OMCs have identified land at Village Mohan Pura, Tehsil Phagi to construct new depot in lieu of exiting Sitapur (Jaipur) site. In Delhi, Shakurbasti Terminal is under resitement to Tikrikalan.