

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF KISAN SEWA KENDRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Union Government is setting up of Kisan Sewa Kendras (KSKs) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof till date, State-wise;
- (c): the details of KSKs set up in rural and urban areas, State-wise and area-wise;
- (d): the details of KSKs set up in West Bengal, till date, area-wise;
- (e): whether some of the KSKs have been set up in urban areas, while the projects were exclusively for rural areas;
- (f): if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (g): the action plan prepared by oil companies to set up such more kendras in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) Kisan Sewa Kendra (KSKs) are low cost retail outlets developed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) since 2004-05 to cater to rural/ agricultural market in order to reach diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at Kisan's doorstep. The objective of the KSKs is to cater to rural/ agricultural market and hence, such outlets are not set up in urban areas. As on 1.10.2010, 3174 KSKs have been setup by IOC in the country, including 159 such KSKs in the state of West Bengal. The location-wise details are available with Director (Marketing) of IOC. Setting up of new KSKs is based on the feasibility study of the locations.