

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

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

- (a): whether total number of petrol pumps grew barely 2.8% after growing 6.5% and 9.5 % in previous 2 years;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c): the number of private refiners which are in the retail oil market and the number of petrol pumps against each, State-wise;
- (d): whether there is any plan to liberalize oil retail market to encourage private company with subsidy support; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a): The percentage growth of retail outlets (ROs) of public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs.), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) during the last two years is as follows:

2009-10 2008-09

IOC 3.6 % 2.6 %

BPC 3.7% 1.83%

HPC 6.54% 2.75%

(b): New retail outlets are set up by OMCs at identified locations based on surveys and feasibility studies. Locations found to be having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the State -wise Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlets.

(c): As on 31.01.2011, three private oil companies namely M/s Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Essar Oil Limited (EOL) and Shell India Marketing Private Limited (SIMPL) have set up 2915 ROs throughout the country. The company-wise numbers are as follows:

RIL 1429

EOL 1391

(d) & (e): No, Sir.