

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

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PETROL DIESEL RETAILS OUTLETS BY PRIVATE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the private sector companies engaged in the retail trade of petrol/diesel;
- (b) the details of the outlets run by these companies, State-wise;
- (c) whether some private sector companies are selling only petrol; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which these companies are not selling diesel ?

Answer

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

(a) : As per the Resolution dated 8th March 2002, Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to three private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL) and M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL).

(b) : As on 31.01.2011, three private companies namely, RIL, EOL and SIMPL have set up 2915 Retail Outlets (ROs) throughout the country. The State-wise details are at Annex.

(c) & (d) : Private oil companies are free to take decisions on selling of Motors Spirit (MS)/High Speed Diesel (HSD), based on their commercial considerations. RIL and EOL have reported that they are selling both MS and HSD at their ROs.