

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

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PETROL PUMPS OPENED IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): the number of petrol pumps opened in Patna and Darbhanga districts of Bihar during the last three years and the current year, company-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether the petrol pumps for which screening was held during the last three years are yet to be set up;
- (c): if so, the reasons for delay ; and
- (d): the time by which they are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a): Public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs.), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) have commissioned 19 Retail Outlets in Patna district and 10 ROs in Darbhanga district of Bihar during the last three years and the current years. The details of these ROs are available with Director (Marketing) of OMCs.

(b)&(c): 39 ROs, for which interviews were held for these two districts, are yet to be commissioned due to various reasons such as obtaining approval from statutory authorities, procurement of land, investigation of complaints, court cases etc.

(d): OMCs have informed that it is not possible to indicate a definite time-frame for commissioning of RO dealerships as the process of setting up of RO dealerships involves various steps such as release of advertisements, scrutiny of applications and documents, holding of interviews of the eligible candidates for selection of dealers/distributors, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of selected candidates, issue of Letter of Intent, obtaining of various approvals/No Objection Certificates from various statutory authorities, etc.