

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

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APPOINTMENT OF KEROSENE WHOLESALERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether against 314 rural blocks of Odisha, only 189 kerosene wholesalers have been appointed by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs); and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the OMCs to open sub-depots in the un-served blocks, pending appointment of wholesalers for the remaining un-served blocks?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There are 177 kerosene wholesalers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the State of Odisha. These kerosene wholesalers are located in 113 blocks, and supplying kerosene to sub-wholesalers appointed by the state Government in all the blocks. Historically, the wholesalers are concentrated in District/Block Headquarter and major towns. Supply to the blocks is made through the sub-wholesalers. Based on the logistics and local requirements, the State Government of Odisha tags sub-wholesaler/retailers to the wholesalers.