

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

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LOSSES DUE TO FIRE  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Oil Companies are incurring huge losses due to fire at petrol pumps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop such fire accidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) During the last three years, there were 118 fire incidents at 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) resulting in a financial loss of approximately ` 270 lakh. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(c) Whenever, there is an incident of fire at the ROs, the same is investigated by a team of officers and cause of the accident is established. Remedial steps for preventing occurrence of such accidents are drawn and these are circulated to all concerned. Random inspections of ROs are carried out by senior officers on safety aspects including fire prevention measures. Internal guidelines on safe engineering and operational practices to be observed at ROs are circulated. Continuous education is imparted to RO dealers & Pump Attendants on observance of safe practices at ROs.