

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

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

- (a) the locations where KisanSewaKendras were proposed to be set up in various parts of the country during the last three years particularly in Bihar;
- (b) whether reservation policy for SCs and STs is followed during such allotment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): KisanSewaKendras (KSKs)/ Hamara Pumps / Rural Retail Outlets (ROs) are low cost retail outlets developed by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC), to cater to rural/ agricultural market in order to reach diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at the farmers' doorstep. There is 25% reservation for SCs/STs in the allotment of KisanSewaKendras (KSKs)/ Hamara Pumps / Rural Retail Outlets (ROs).

IOC has commissioned 1825 KSKs in the country during last three years and the current year during April-September, 2011, of which 152 KSKs are in Bihar. BPC has commissioned 497 Rural ROs in the country during the last three years and current year during April-September, 2011, of which 66 Rural ROs are in Bihar. HPC has commissioned 610 Hamara Pumps in the country during the last three years and current year during April-September, 2011, of which 28 Hamara Pumps are in Bihar.