

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

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GROWTH OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total number of petrol pumps in the country increased by barely 2.8 per cent after growing by 6.5 per cent and 9.5 per cent in previous two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the name of private refiners in the retail oil market alongwith the number of petrol pumps opened by each of them, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any plan to liberalize the oil retail market to encourage private companies with subsidy support; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Percentage increase in the number of petrol pumps (ROs) in respect of public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) are as follows:

% increase in no. of ROs 2009-10	% increase in no. of ROs 2010-11	% increase in no. of ROs 2011-12 (1.10.11)
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IOC 2.8 4.4 2.4

HPC 6.54 11.73 4.13

BPC 3.65 6.8 3.78

New retail outlets are set up by OMCs at identified locations based on surveys and feasibility studies. Locations found to be having sufficient potential and economically viable are rostered in the State-wise Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlets.

(c): M/s Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s Essar Oil Limited and M/s Shell are the three private refiners in the retail oil market. The number of ROs opened by them are in Annexure.

(d) & (e): No, Madam.