

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3467  
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SKO ALLOCATION  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sent any proposal to the Union Government for increasing the number of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) wholesalers to ensure better distribution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time frame by which additional SKO wholesalers are likely to be appointed in Odisha?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A request dated 21st February, 2011 was received from the then Minister of State (Ind. Charge), Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Government of Odisha for streamlining kerosene distribution and appointment of additional SKO wholesalers for every block in the State of Odisha.

In response, the State Government of Odisha was informed by this Ministry that the monthly allocation of PDS kerosene in the state is to the tune of 33600 KLs with 189 wholesalers of OMCs supplying to the sub-wholesalers appointed by State Government in all the blocks. Historically, the wholesalers are concentrated in District/Block Headquarter & major towns and supply to the blocks through sub-wholesaler system. To increase the spread of supply for each block, the State Government was advised to appoint more sub-wholesalers, as present policy does not permit setting up sub-depots/extension points by wholesalers.

(c): At present, 175 wholesalers of SKO appointed by the OMCS in 113 Blocks cater to the requirements of the Blocks in the State, including the unrepresented Blocks. Further, there are 1039 sub-wholesalers appointed by the State Government for distribution of PDS Kerosene to end consumers through 28953 Fair Price Shops. OMCs do not consider any immediate requirement for appointment of any more wholesale dealer in the State of Odisha.