

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of petrol pumps and gas agencies opened in various parts of the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the number of petrol pumps and gas agencies regarding which surveys have been conducted during the last three years along with the details of the places in the country where no petrol pumps have been opened, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to open more petrol pumps and gas agencies in various parts of the country particularly in those areas which lack such facilities?

Answer

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

(a) The details of Retail Outlet (RO) i.e petrol pump dealerships and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) distributorships including Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitraks (RGGLVs) in the country including in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year (April-Dec, 2012) are at Annexure- I and Annexure-II respectively.

(b) & (c) RO expansion by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) is a regular ongoing exercise to ensure adequate availability of motoring fuels like petrol and diesel in upcoming and rural areas. ROs are set up at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. The locations found to be having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlets. RO dealerships of either of the three OMCs are present in all districts of the country except in Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Dibang Valley and Longding districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Similarly, appointing LPG distributorships is also a continuous process and the locations are identified based on available refill sale potential that can sustain economically viable operation. The refill sale potential is based on several factors including population, population growth rate, economic prosperity of the location and the distance from the existing nearest distributor. The locations found feasible are rostered and advertisements are released for appointment of the distributorships. For expansion of LPG to unrepresented areas, regular LPG distributorship as well as distributorships under RGGLVs are appointed especially in rural areas of the country where the sales potential is low and regular distributorships are not feasible.