

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) proposes to set up petrol and diesel pumps in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of petrol and diesel pumps set up by the IOC in various States/UTs during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the impact of the existing as well as newly set up petrol pumps on availability and consumption of petrol and diesel in the rural areas; and
- (e) the details of the scheme for setting up additional petrol pumps in the coming years keeping in view the demand and consumption of petrol and diesel in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. The concept of Kisan Sewa Kendra (KSK) was developed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in the year 2004-05 in order to provide diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at farmers' doorstep.

The number of petrol and diesel pumps including KSKs set up by the IOC in various States/UTs during the last three years and current year from April- December, 2012 are given at Annexure.

A detailed feasibility study of a location is conducted taking into consideration the available sales potential and commercial viability of the location and only then such locations are rostered in the State-wise Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlet including KSK in the country.