

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PETROL PUMPS AND GAS AGENCIES

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

- (a) the total number of petrol pumps and gas agencies opened and allotted by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country during the last three years and the current year, OMC/State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of petrol pumps and gas agencies operational at present in the country, OMC/State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the OMCs propose to set up more petrol pumps and gas agencies in various State/UTs particularly in those areas/districts which lack such facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, OMC/State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The details of total number of Retail Outlets (ROs) i.e. petrol pumps and gas agencies opened and allotted i.e. commissioned by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the country during the last three years (2010-2013) and the current year (April-June, 2013), OMC-wise and State/UT-wise is at Annexure- I.

(b) The details of total number of petrol pumps and gas agencies operational at present in the country, OMC/State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II.

(c) Expansion of RO sales network by OMCs is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motoring fuels like petrol and diesel in upcoming urban and rural areas including those areas / districts which lack such facilities. ROs are set up at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. Locations found to be having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the Marketing Plans for setting up ROs.

The appointment of LPG distributorships is also a continuous process and the locations for setting up LPG distributorships are identified based on available refill sale potential that can sustain economically viable operation of an LPG distributorship. 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.