

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

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MOU BETWEEN IOC AND INDO GULF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a): whether the Indian Oil Corporation and Indo Gulf Fertilizers had signed any MoU for jointly marketing products needed for farming;
- (b): If so, the details of the retail outlets of fertilizers set up jointly in the country for marketing products, so far State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c): whether the Indian Oil Corporation has expanded its retail network in rural areas through low-cost outlets in markets for catering to rural/agriculture customers; and
- (d): if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Indo Gulf Fertilizers (IGFL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to make IGFL products available to the farmers through rural retail outlets of IOC known as Kisan Seva Kendras (KSKs). This agreement between IGFL and IOC is restricted to the supply and servicing of agricultural inputs only in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal,

(c)&(d): KSKs are low cost retail outlets developed by IOC since 2004-05 to cater to rural/ agricultural market in order to reach diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at Kisan's doorstep. As on 01.10.2009, 2672 KSKs have been set up by IOC in the country.