

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

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OPENING OF NEW RETAIL PETROL OUTLETS IN KERALA

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

- (a): The total number of retail petrol/diesel outlets in Kerala of various petroleum companies, district-wise and company-wise;
- (b): whether a number of such outlets have been closed due to lack of business and irregularities;
- (c): If so, the details thereof, company wise and district-wise; and
- (d): the action taken by the Government to reopen those closed retail outlets?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): The number of retail outlets (RO) of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) in the State of Kerala are as under:

Company No. of ROs

IOC 608 BPC 381 HPC 499

The district-wise details are available with Director (Marketing) of respective OMCs.

(b) to (d): During the period April – September 2009, 03 (Three) ROs of HPCL in Trichur, Palakkad and Kannur in Kerala have been closed due to proven irregularities. IOC and BPC have reported that no ROs in the State of Kerala have been terminated due to lack of business or irregularities during April-September 2009. Revival of ROs terminated on account of irregularities / malpractice / violation of Dealership Agreement is not permitted.