

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Anomalies in Petrol Pump Allocations

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the number of petrol pumps allotted to the injured soldiers, widows/ dependants of martyrs/ soldiers/ex-servicemen have not been given to them till now;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases scrutinised and petrol pump allotted/rejected to such categories during the last three years and the current year and expedite the allotment process and to simplify the procedure, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to formulate any new policy/ scheme to rectify anomalies in allotment of petrol pumps/gas agencies and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State run fuel companies have suspended appointing new petrol pumps/gas agencies dealers in the country and if so, the details thereof along with any proposal to amend selection guidelines is under consideration of the Government;
- (e) whether the population of consumers or the area is the criteria for setting up of new petrol pumps/gas agencies in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the concrete steps being taken by the Government to set up gas agencies/petrol pumps at Nyaya Panchayat level to facilitate the consumers?
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Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b) - Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that all Retail Outlets (ROs) under Discretionary quota/Special category like Operation Vijay Kargil, Mumbai Martyrs, etc., to the injured soldiers, widows/dependants of martyr soldiers have been handed over/commissioned by them except for 2 cases under Operation Vijay Scheme reported by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. State/UT-wise details of Retail Outlet locations advertised by OMCs under Defence Category which have been allotted but pending for commissioning

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are at Annexure-I. Allotment/setting up of Retail Outlet dealerships involves various steps like advertisement, interviews/selection of dealers, field verification of credentials, issue of LOI, procurement of land, obtaining necessary Statutory approvals, construction etc. Hence, the materialisation of allotment/commissioning of the retail outlet after advertisements is fulfilled over a period of time.

(c) and (d) - Government has directed OMCs to comply with certain amended provisions in Dealer/ Distributor Selection Guidelines and OMCs are in the process of reviewing the guidelines to include the proposed amendments. OMCs have reported that they have not suspended commissioning of new Regular LPG Distributorships/ RGGLVs where LOI has been issued

(e) and (f) - Expansion of RO sales network by OMCs is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motoring fuels like petrol and diesel throughout the country. Retail outlets are set up by OMCs at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies.

Accordingly, OMCs set up low cost rural retail outlets (like KSKs, Humara Pump, Gramin Pump, etc.) for catering to Rural/Agriculture markets throughout the country at identified locations having sufficient potential and found to be economically viable.

Locations for setting up LPG distributorships are identified based on refill sale potential that will economically sustain the distributorship. In case the location is found as feasible, it is included in the Industry Marketing Plan (Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) or Regular LPG distributorship) and advertised subsequently.

As per the Vision 2015 for the Oil Industry on "Consumer Satisfaction and Beyond" approved by the Ministry in 2009 and further discussions on Perspective Plan, National LPG coverage has to be increased to 75%, with the district and State LPG coverage of minimum 50% & 60% respectively and at least one distributor in each block. To achieve this target, OMCs are continuously appointing new LPG distributors and more than 97% of blocks are covered by at least one LPG distributorship.
