

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

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Petroleum products such as petrol, diesel etc., in certain parts of the country including Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, due to lack of adequate number of retail outlets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the situation?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely; Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that they have been meeting the demand of petrol and diesel of the public in full through its retail outlet network across the country. At present, there is no report of shortage of petroleum products such as petrol and diesel due to lack of retail outlets in any part of the country including Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.
- (b) : Does not arise, in view of (a) above.
- (c) : OMCs set up retail outlets 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 retail outlets. OMCs regularly advertise locations for setting up of retail outlets as per their Marketing Plan from time to time.