GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1895
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th AUGUST, 2021

Petrol pumps and CNG stations in the country

1895 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

(a) whether Government has invited applications for setting up new petrol pumps and CNG filling stations in the country, particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details during last three years;

(c) the details of the procedures followed in allocation of new petrol pumps and CNG filling stations;

(d) the time limit of the completion of allocation procedure;

(e) whether Government proposes to set up and promote the usage of CNG stations in polluted cities of the country including metro cities; and

(f) if so, the details of steps taken by Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a)to(c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that expansion of Retail Outlet (RO) network is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motoring fuels like petrol and diesel throughout the country. Public Sector OMCs had issued advertisement in November/December 2018 for setting up of ROs across the country including Rajasthan State. State-wise details of locations advertised are available at http://www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in.

Procedure / Norms / Criteria for allotment of Retail Outlet Dealerships in the country are available on the respective websites of the OMCs i.e. www.iocl.com, www.bharatpetroleum.com & www.hindustanpetroleum.com.

Further, establishment of CNG stations is Part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network and the same is carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). PNGRB identifies Geographical Areas (GAs) for authorizing the development to CGD network in synchronization with the development of natural gas pipeline connectivity and natural gas availability. About 232 GAs covering 407 districts spread over 27 States/UTs including state of Rajasthan and rural areas of the country have been authorized for the development of CGD networks. The number of CNG stations State/UT wise during the last three years are given in **Annexure**.

(d) Public Sector OMCs have intimated that as per the Dealer Selection Guidelines for ROs, the following time period for certain important activities have been prescribed :-

Time frame to candidates for applying	30 days
Minimum notice period for Draw of Lots / Bid	10 days
Time for submission of documents / Initial Security Deposit	10 days
Additional time in case of non-submission of ISD and documents by selected candidate	10 days + 20 days
Time for response from selected candidate on rectifiable deficiencies	21 days + 21 days

Further, the selection process involves the following :

Intimation to the candidate regarding date and time for visit of LEC	10 Days
Additional time for rescheduling visit of LEC	10 days
Intimation to the candidate regarding date and time of Field Verification of Credentials (FVC)	10 days
Additional time for rescheduling FVC from the original scheduled date	10 days
Time for filling of grievance after selection through draw of lots/bidding process (LOI to be issued after FVC, and not before 30 days of declaration of result.)	30 days

Considering the above & time required for other activities, Statutory / NHAI clearance for setting up of Retail Outlets on Highways, disposal of complaints received, if any, etc. it takes on an average six months to two years for setting up of Retail outlets depending on the location.

(e)&(f) The availability and consumption of CNG has increased in line with the establishment of CNG stations. As per Minimum Work Program assigned by PNGRB through competitive bidding the authorized entities will set up 8181 CNG stations over a period of 8-10 years across the country.

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Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1895 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4.8.2021 REGARDING PETROL PUMPS AND CNG STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

CNG stations in various States/UTs during the last three years

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Numbers of CNG Stations (Cumulative)		
		As on 31.03.2019	As on 31.03.2020	As on 31.03.2021
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44	65	85
2.	Assam	0	1	1
3.	Bihar	2	8	13
4.	Chandigarh (UT)	5	11	11
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
6.	Dadra Nagar Haveli (UT)	3	6	7
7.	Daman & Diu (UT)	3	8	13
8.	Delhi (UT)	391	419	436
9.	Goa	5	2	7
10.	Gujarat	527	634	779
11.	Haryana	71	107	186
12.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1
13.	Jharkhand	0	8	25
14.	Karnataka	23	26	72
15.	Kerala	4	6	27
16.	Madhya Pradesh	42	51	102
17.	Maharashtra	313	375	488
18.	Odisha	6	19	24
19.	Puducherry (UT)	0	0	0
20	Punjab	12	37	101
21	Rajasthan	5	14	67
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	23
23.	Telangana	45	66	97
24.	Tripura	9	10	12
25.	Uttar Pradesh	229	311	485
26.	Uttrakhand	3	3	17
27.	West Bengal	0	0	15