

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO - 250
ANSWERED ON -24/03/2025

DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT IN ODISHA

*250 SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) the current status of petroleum product distribution networks across the State of Odisha;
- (b) whether there are plans to enhance the network to ensure accessibility in remote and tribal regions;
- (c) the steps being taken to improve storage and supply chains in the State of Odisha; and
- (d) the role of public-private partnerships in enhancing distribution efficiency?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 250 BY SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2025 REGARDING 'DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT IN ODISHA'

(a) to (d) : The retail marketing of petroleum products in the State of Odisha is done by Public and Private Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) through their retail network spread across the State including remote and tribal regions. As on 01.03.2025, OMCs have set up 2612 Retail Outlets (PSUOMCs-2432, Private OMCs-180) including 966 in rural areas and Public Sector OMCs have appointed 965 LPG distributorships including 792 in rural & remote areas (Rurban Vitrak-100, Gramin Vitrak-578, DurgamKshetriya Vitrak-114) across the State of Odisha.

Further, Public Sector OMCs are continuously expanding their retail network to ensure adequate availability of MS, HSD and LPG throughout the State of Odisha including tribal and remote areas. Public Sector OMCs set up Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships at identified locations based on market feasibility and economic viability as per prevailing guidelines, which are available at respective dedicated portals viz. petrolpumpdealerchayan.in and lpgvitrakchayan.in.

Public Sector OMCs have 7 LPG bottling plants at Balasore, Jharsuguda, Khordha, Jatni, Rayagada, Khurda and Bolangir besides 2 private bottling plants at Angul and Ganjam. The total bottling capacity of these plants is 594 TMT per annum and the total LPG storage capacity at these bottling plants is 9839 MT. In addition to the storage capacity at bottling plants, there is LPG storage capacity of 12600 MT at Paradip refinery and 40800 MT Paradip import terminal. In total, the LPG Storage capacity in the State of Odisha is 63239 MT.

More than 1.5 lacs LPG refills are delivered daily by the delivery staff of OMC's LPG distributors in Odisha. Apart from delivering refills through LPG Distributors, OMCs have entered into agreement with Common Service Centre (CSC) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY) for increasing accessibility in far flung areas. Under the said arrangement, Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) of Common Service Centre (CSC) Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) are utilised to distribute domestic LPG cylinders. As on 01.03.2025, there are 1060 such VLEs in the State of Odisha.

As on 01.03.2025, Public Sector OMCs have 8 Terminals/Depots with total tankage capacity of 442.66 TKL in the State of Odisha. IOCL's Paradip refinery has petroleum products tank storage capacity of 385.89 TMT. Opening of Oil Depot/Terminal for storage of petroleum products by OMCs is a continuous process and is dependent on the economic viability of the Depot/Terminal based on general supply & demand scenario of the region and optimization study to achieve overall reduction in the cost of supplies.

Public Sector OMCs engage with private sector firms/companies in different ways to augment/improve POL products distribution and supplies. This includes engaging LPG bottling facilities owned by private sector, deploying private sector transport infrastructure for POL transport, procurement of Ethanol from private sugar mills and distilleries for blending in Petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) program, utilizing private terminals for POL imports as well as storage, product hospitality arrangements for efficient logistics and better supplies etc.
