

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1252  
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

**EXPANSION OF OIL MARKETING COMPANIES IN RURAL ODISHA**

1252 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:  
SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) plan to expand their Retail Outlet (RO) network in rural areas of the State of Odisha, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the specific steps taken by OMCs to ensure the availability of petrol and diesel in rural areas of the State of Odisha;
- (c) the number of new petrol pumps set up in rural areas of the State during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) whether Government has set specific targets for establishing new petrol pumps in rural areas of the State, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d) Expansion of Retail Outlet (RO) network (in urban/rural) by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motor fuels such as petrol & diesel throughout the country including rural areas of the State of Odisha. ROs are set up by Public Sector OMCs at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. The Government does not set any target for setting up of ROs.

As on 31.12.2024, PSU OMCs have set up 2,380 ROs in the State of Odisha including 907 ROs in rural areas. PSU OMCs have set up 198 ROs in rural areas of Odisha during the last three years and the current year (April-December, 2024). The newly set up as well as the existing petrol pumps in rural areas of Odisha facilitate the availability of petrol and diesel nearer to the consuming centers.

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