LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2585 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th MARCH, 2023

New Petrol Pumps

2585. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the number of petrol pumps proposed to be opened/set up during the current year along with the locations identified in various States/districts and the minimum educational qualification fixed in this regard, State/location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to open/set up new petrol pumps and LPG distributorships in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of places/sites where new petrol pumps and LPG dealerships have been opened/proposed to be opened after survey in West Bengal, location-wise; and
- (d) the procedure laid down for allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies along with any reservation made for minorities in this regard?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a)to(d): Expansion of Retail Outlets (ROs) and LPG distributorships network across the country including the State of West Bengal is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of petroleum fuels such as petrol, diesel, and LPG. Locations for setting up of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships are identified by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) based on sale potential that makes them economically viable.

As per OMCs Dealership Selection Guidelines, 2018 the educational qualification is minimum 10th pass (examination conducted by a Board/School) except for Freedom Fighters. Further, as per extant guidelines, there is a provision of 22.5% reservation for SCs/STs and 27% reservation for OBCs in allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG Distributorships. Apart from this, there is no reservation for minorities in allotment of petrol pumps and LPG distributorships.

Procedure / Norms / Criteria / Reservation Policy for allotment of Retail Outlet Dealerships are available at www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in and the detailed

guidelines namely "Unified Guidelines for Selection of LPG Distributorships (USG)" are available on the website www.lpgvitarakchayan.in.

As on 1.2.2023, district-wise, number of ROs commissioned (under advertisement 2018) and LPG distributorships commissioned (advertised under USG 2016) in West Bengal by Public Sector OMCs are given in **Annexure-1** and **Annexure-2** respectively.

Annexure - 1

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a)to(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2585 for 16.3.2023 asked by Shrimati Pratima Mondal, MP regarding "New Petrol Pumps".

PSU OMCs - District-wise number of retail outlets commissioned (under 2018 advertisement) in West Bengal as on 01-02-2023.

1	Alipurduar	11
2	Bankura	24
3	Birbhum	43
4	Cooch Behar	24
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	6
6	Darjeeling	10
7	Hooghly	20
8	Howrah	12
9	Jalpaiguri	34
10	Jhargram	16
11	Kalimpong	1
12	Kolkata	1
13	Malda	35
14	Murshidabad	53
15	Nadia	28
	North 24	
16	Paraganas	33
	Paschim	
17	Bardhman	24
10	Paschim	40
18	Medinipur	46
19	Purba Bardhaman	35
20	Purba Medinipur	30
21	Purulia	32
	South 24	
22	Paraganas	35
23	Uttar Dinajpur	44
	TOTAL	597

Annexure - 2

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a)to(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2585 for 16.3.2023 asked by Shrimati Pratima Mondal, MP regarding "New Petrol Pumps".

PSU OMCs - District-wise number of LPG distributorships commissioned (advertised under DSG 2016) in West Bengal as on 01-02-2023.

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1	Alipurduar	6
2	Bankura	33
3	Birbhum	24
4	Cooch Behar	16
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	12
6	Darjeeling	4
7	Hooghly	14
8	Howrah	14
9	Jalpaiguri	8
10	Jhargram	7
11	Kalimpong	1
12	Kolkata	1
13	Malda	34
14	Murshidabad	47
15	Nadia	39
	North 24	
16	Paraganas	31
	Paschim	
17	Bardhman	3
40	Paschim	24
18	Medinipur	21
19	Purba Bardhaman	27
20	Purba Medinipur	52
21	Purulia	23
	South 24	
22	Paraganas	40
23	Uttar Dinajpur	21
	TOTAL	478