

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025**

Allocation of Petrol Pump Dealerships to Self-Help Groups and Cooperative Societies

1580. Shri Konda Vishweshwar Reddy:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has any existing provisions or policies to allow farmers cooperative societies and Self Help Groups to manage petrol pumps in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to issue special notifications granting petrol pump management rights exclusively to DWCRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas) groups or cooperative societies and if so, the timeline and framework for its implementation; and
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to promote farming opportunities for rural development and self-employment through the management of petrol pumps by such groups and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in their Dealership Selection Guidelines, 2023 have made provision of reservation for Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) within CC 2 (Combined category 2).

Government Bodies/Agencies, Societies registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 / Societies registered under Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 or Co-operative Societies Act as enacted by concerned States, Charitable Trusts registered with Charity Commissioner of respective State Government, Companies formed under the Companies Act, 1956/2013, including Pvt. Ltd. companies are eligible to apply as non-individual entities (applicants) subject to meeting other eligibility norms as prescribed in the extant Dealer Selection Guidelines.

There is no proposal at present to issue notifications granting petrol pump management rights exclusively to DWCRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas).
