

**PACS Plan for Sale of Petroleum products**

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

(a) the details of the measures taken/being taken to expedite the processing of Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) applications for petrol/diesel outlets and LPG distributorships; and

(b) whether there are any provisions to relax the criterion for PACS, especially in rural areas to encourage better participation and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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(a) Subsequent to dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) w.e.f. 1.4.2002, the selection of Retail Outlet (RO) dealers and LPG distributorships is done by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) themselves.

A provision of 1% reservation for Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), along with Outstanding Sports Person (OSP) and Freedom Fighters (FF) under CC2 (Combined Category 2) for allotment of Retail Outlet has been made in PSU OMCs Dealership Selection Guidelines, 2023 for Retail Outlets. In August 2023, similar provision has also been made in Unified Guidelines for selection of LPG Distributorships under Combined Category (CC) for allotment of LPG Distributorship to PACS. Further, PACS have also been given one-time option to convert their wholesale consumer pumps into Retail Outlet.

The selection of RO dealerships and LPG distributorships to all applicants including PACS is done by PSU OMCs through public advertisement followed by online process of draw of lots from eligible applicants as per extant laid down procedures. The online process simplifies the application process. Procedure / Norms / Criteria / Reservation Policy for allotment of RO Dealerships are available at [www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in](http://www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in) and the detailed guidelines regarding selection of LPG distributorships are available on the website [www.lpgvitarakchayan.in](http://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in).

(b) Dealership Selection Guidelines, 2023 for Retail Outlets (ROs) and extant Unified Guidelines for selection of LPG distributorships do not contain any provision to relax criterion for grant of RO and LPG distributorships to PACS.