

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1973**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025

**Distribution/Allocation of New Petrol Pumps**

1973. DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of the current plans for the distribution/allocation of new petrol pumps across the country including the total number of new petrol pumps proposed and distributed, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the criteria and guidelines established for the distribution/allocation of new petrol pumps including eligibility, location, selection and other relevant factors;
- (c) the total number of petrol pumps closed down during each of the last five years and the current year along with the reasons for their closure such as non-compliance with regulations, financial viability or other factors;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to repurpose or utilize the closed petrol pump infrastructure for other public or private work and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of petrol pumps in remote, rural and underserved areas to address their fuel needs?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

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

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

Expansion of RO network (in urban/rural) by PSU OMCs is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motor fuels such as petrol & diesel throughout the country. ROs are set up by PSU OMCs at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. Locations having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the Marketing Plans for setting up ROs. PSU OMCs award RO dealership to the selected applicants meeting eligibility criteria and fulfilling the selection process laid down as per extant Dealership Selection Guidelines. The selection is made based on online process of draw of lots/bidding amongst eligible applicants maintaining transparency. Detailed Criteria/Guidelines for allotment of RO dealerships in the country are available at [www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in/petrol-2023/](http://www.petrolpumpdealerchayan.in/petrol-2023/).

As on 01.07.2025, PSU OMCs have a network of total 88,526 ROs including 25,705 ROs in rural and remote areas.

PSU OMCs have released advertisement in June, 2023/July, 2023 for selection of 49,964 RO dealerships on all India basis including remote and rural areas. Out of these, Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued in respect of 23,448 ROs and 5,267 ROs have been set up as on 01.07.2025. State-wise details of locations advertised by PSU OMCs in June, 2023/July. 2023 are given in **Annexure**.

PSU OMCs have informed that as on 01.07.2025, there are 3,095 temporarily non-operational ROs which have been non-operational on account of various factors which, inter alia, include dealers finance issues, suspension, low sales, family dispute etc. Currently, there is no plan to repurpose or utilize the infrastructure of such temporarily non-operational ROs for other public or private usage.

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# ANNEXURE

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1973 for 31.07.2025 asked by Dr. Kirsan Namdeo, Hon`ble MP regarding Distribution / Allocation of New Petrol Pumps.**

## **PSU OMC - State-wise number of locations advertised for setting up of new Retail Outlets**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State / UT</b>	<b>Total Locations advertised</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	17
2	Andhra Pradesh	2104
3	Arunachal Pradesh	239
4	Assam	941
5	Bihar	1552
6	Chandigarh	6
7	Chhattisgarh	1359
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	46
9	Delhi	138
10	Goa	235
11	Gujarat	3174
12	Haryana	2729
13	Himachal Pradesh	641
14	Jammu & Kashmir	643
15	Jharkhand	1105
16	Karnataka	4112
17	Kerala	1509
18	Ladakh	34
19	Lakshadweep	5
20	Madhya Pradesh	2342
21	Maharashtra	5186
22	Manipur	0
23	Meghalaya	225
24	Mizoram	84
25	Nagaland	115
26	Odisha	1453
27	Puducherry	110
28	Punjab	1625
29	Rajasthan	2787
30	Sikkim	70
31	Tamil Nadu	4151

32	Telangana	1975
33	Tripura	152
34	Uttar Pradesh	6609
35	Uttarakhand	583
36	West Bengal	1908
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>49964</b>

Source - PSU OMCs