

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2013**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2025**

**Establishment of Oil Depot in Mizoram**

**2013. Shri Richard Vanlalmangaiha:**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the State of Mizoram continues to face periodic fuel shortages due to the absence of an oil depot and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has taken any concrete steps for setting up an oil depot in Mizoram;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposed location, current status of land acquisition and timeline for commencement and completion of the project;
- (d) if not, the reasons for delay; and
- (e) whether the Union Government intends to expedite the process in consultation with the State Government and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री

(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

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

- (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that currently, there are 115 Retail Outlets (ROs) across the state of Mizoram. Adequate infrastructure is in place to ensure uninterrupted fuel supply across the state. This includes a well-maintained fleet of tank trucks and sufficient logistical support. Indents (demand requests) received from ROs and customers are executed promptly. However, at times, supply situation gets affected owing to local issues like road blockage etc.
- (b) to (e) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has informed that the Government of Mizoram had initially offered land at Bairabi. However, after evaluation, the site was found unsuitable for development of Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (POL) Depot. Subsequently, an alternate site at Sairang was offered. Upon assessment, it was found that the proposed site presents significant engineering and logistical challenges due to its hilly terrain, substantial elevation differences, and its earthquake-prone zone. These locational factors contribute to a substantially high project cost. Considering the relatively low demand volume of petroleum products in the state even after aggregating the requirements of all OMCs and substantially high project cost at the proposed location due to above factors, it has not been found economically viable to establish POL Depot at this location.

\*\*\*\*\*