

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th December, 2025

New Retail Outlets

3001. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the number of new Retail Outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) commissioned by Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in the Jamui Lok Sabha Constituency during the last one year;
- (b) the status of the proposed Ethanol Production Plant in the Jamui-Munger region and the Union Government's support for its raw material supply;
- (c) the steps taken to promote the sale of E-20 (twenty percent ethanol-blended fuel) at Retail Outlets in the Jamui district;
- (d) the funds allocated by CPSUs for CSR activities related to health and education in the Jamui district; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to establish training centre in Bihar for youth in the petroleum and gas retail sector, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a) Expansion of Retail Outlets (ROs) network (in urban/rural) by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motor fuels such as petrol & diesel throughout the country. ROs are set up by Public Sector 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. Jamui Parliamentary Constituency extends over Jamui, Munger and Sheikhpura districts. Public Sector OMCs have commissioned 09 retail outlets in Jamui, Munger and Sheikhpura districts during the year 2024-25.

(b) Ethanol production plants are set up by entrepreneurs/companies/co-operative societies etc. depending upon the techno-economic viability of the project as per their investment plans. The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has informed that one grain-based distillery unit is being set up by M/s Ankur Biochem Private Limited in Jamui region. In order to ensure consistent availability of feedstock for ethanol production in India, the Government has expanded the range of permitted feedstocks for ethanol production.

(c) E-20 fuel is currently being dispensed at all ROs of Public Sector OMCs across the mainland of the country, including Jamui District, having petrol selling facilities.

(d) Oil & Gas Public Sector companies undertake Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities under the heads identified under Schedule VII of Companies Act, 2013 with special focus on Health (Nutrition, Sanitation and Drinking Water), Education, Skill Development, Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Environment Oriented Initiatives and care for the Elderly & Differently-abled Persons. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has approved an amount of Rs.198.86 lakh under CSR for the project Innovative School Bags for Children of Anganwadi Centres of Jamui District during the year 2025-26.

(e) Presently, there is no plan to establish training centre in Bihar for youth in the petroleum and gas retail sector.
