

O. M. No. 7(1) E dated 7th September, 2009 to cut expenditure on advertisements and publicity by 10%.

(f) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has requested all Oil PSUs to observe the above directions while carrying out austerity measures and to submit Quarterly report on steps taken in respect of economy measures to the Ministry.

#### **Allocation of KG basin gas to Kerala**

3692. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Kerala for the allocation of KG Basin gas and for the extension of the National Gas Grid Network to the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala has requested MoPNG for extension of the pipeline from Kayamkulam to Thiruvananthapuram. Further, the Kochi - Kootanada- Mangalore- Bangalore gas pipeline (KKB MPL) was authorized to GAIL by MoPNG at an approved cost of Rs. 3,263 Crore. In the 1st phase of its implementation the industries near Kochi and Alwaye are expected to get connectivity. The proposed pipeline will be passing through the State of Kerala covering the various demand centers along the way.

#### **Delay in opening of petrol pumps in Andhra Pradesh**

3693. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps opened in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, Company-wise and location-wise, to SCs/STs in categories A and B, respectively;

(b) whether there has been any delays in setting up of petrol pumps; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to overcome these delays/obstructions in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation

Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) have opened 67 retail outlets (ROs) in category 'A' and 1 RO in category 'B' during the last two years and the current year under SCs/STs category in Andhra Pradesh. The Company-wise and location-wise details of ROs are given in statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Commissioning of RO dealerships after issuing Letter of Intent depends upon getting the suitable offers of lands for setting up of ROs in response to repeated advertisements released in the print media and local clearances for construction of facilities. Further, ROs can only be set up after receipt of statutory approvals from various Government Agencies/Departments like National Highways Authorities, Explosive license and NOC of District Authorities. However OMCs closely monitor the progress of the cases in which LOIs has been issued for early commissioning of the dealership.

**Statement**

*Retail outlets commissioned under SC/ST category in Andhra Pradesh during last 2 years and current year by OMCs*

Sl. No.	Location	Sl. No.	Location
<b>IOC</b>		11	Piduguralla
1	Nirmal Town	12	Karampudi
2	Shadnagar	13	Korvi
3	Ajampur	14	Tekulapalli - 'B' Site
4	Chandurthy	15	Mudinepalli
5	Kohir	16	Kalapanu
6	Yacharam	17	MV Gudem
7	Gangwar	18	Tada
8	Wanaparthi	19	Doravarisatram
9	Toopran	20	Bugga
10	Inkollu	21	Midthur

Sl. No.	Location	Sl. No.	Location
22	Karatikonda	46	Thirumalgiri
23	Kuppam	47	Etumagaram
24	Reddigunta	48	Husnabad
25	Chittoor Town	49	Chandurthi
<b>BPC</b>		50	Ellakapet (Chennur)
26	Pusapadu	51	Karvetinagaram
27	Kothur	52	C. Ramapuram
28	Cherukur	53	Namavaram
29	Yeddanapudi	54	Shanigapuram
30	Pakala	<b>HPCL</b>	
31	Yerragondapalem	55	Addanki
32	Gangwar	56	Chegunta
33	Kadiyam	57	Chilakur
34	Penukuduru	58	Choppadandi
35	Siddhavatam	59	Dindi
36	Pothangal	60	Husnabad
37	Talakondapally	61	Kaviti
38	Jammikunta, Veenavanka Road	62	Pangal
39	Kasumuru	63	Pedana
40	Chejerla	64	Ponnal (Siddipet)
41	NRL on NH-5, Kovur, Nellore	65	Sultanabad
42	Eluru	66	Tekulapalli
43	Vishwanatha Rao Pet	67	Telkapally
44	Yergatla	68	Veraghattam
45	Chigarapalli Kanipakam		