

Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process and is based on feasibility study. Locations that are found potentially viable are rostered in the Marketing Plans of the OMCs. Accordingly, the OMCs have identified 95 locations for setting up retail outlets and 60 locations for setting up LPG distributorships in the State of Kerala.

Increasing movement of petroleum products through pipelines

1137. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the percentage of petroleum/ petroleum products that are transported in India through pipelines;
- (b) whether Government intends to increase this percentage; and
- (c) if so, what efforts are being made to increase the movement of petroleum products through pipelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) In 2015-16, Public Sector Oil Companies have transported around 36% of petroleum products on MMT-KM basis through their pipeline network.

(b) and (c) Oil industry is increasing the transportation of petroleum products through pipelines by way of increasing the capacity utilization and expansion of existing pipelines and laying of additional pipelines.

Higher rates of petrol and diesel

†1138. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the rates at which petrol and diesel are being sold in India are highest in the world;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, while the prices of crude oil are at their lowest level in global market;
- (c) if not, the prices of petrol and diesel in neighbouring countries in comparison to their prices in India; and
- (d) whether Government is considering to provide petrol and diesel to its people at cheap rates?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The details of prices of petrol and diesel in India as compared to neighbouring and some other countries are given below:

	(Indian ₹/Litre)	
	Petrol	Diesel
India	62.51	54.28
France	102.35	87.54
Germany	101.90	84.36
Italy	111.65	99.63
Spain	89.65	79.60
UK	106.01	107.06
Japan	78.83	66.00
Canada	57.03	52.85
USA	42.06	43.07
Pakistan	40.23	47.22
Bangladesh	75.73	57.23
Sri Lanka	55.15	44.78
Nepal	62.94	47.69

Source : PPAC.

As can be seen above, in many countries the prices of petrol and diesel are higher than the prevailing prices of the same in India.

(d) The prices of petrol and diesel have been made market determined by the Government effective 26th June, 2010 and 19th October, 2014 respectively and since then their prices are being decided by the OMCs in line with their international market prices other market condition.

Cost effective method for swapping of gas

1139. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to develop a cost effective and revenue neutral mechanism for swapping of gas across producing and consuming States for the national grid;