

Commissioning of petrol bunks in the country

3803. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol bunks commissioned in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has been able to achieve the target fixed by it in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether any fresh steps are being taken by Government to achieve the desired targets in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)/Private Oil Companies have commissioned a total of 9299 Retail Outlets during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the demand and consumption of motor fuels in the future, Retail Outlet network expansion including in Rural/Urban/Tribal areas is undertaken by the OMCs. Locations for setting up new Retail Outlets are identified by the OMCs after carrying out required feasibility study in the field. The locations found feasible and economically viable are rostered in the Marketing Plan for advertisement.

**Establishment of new petrol pumps and gas agencies
in Jammu and Kashmir**

3804. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing new petrol pumps and gas agencies for General, SC and ST categories owners in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Oil Marketing Companies have issued Letter of Intents (LOIs) for setting up of 89 numbers of new retail outlets in the State of Jammu and Kashmir which includes 14 for SC category and 11 for ST category.

OMCs have informed that out of 56 locations advertised to set up new LPG distributors in the State of Jammu and Kashmir by providing applicable reservation to SC/STs, LOIs for 8 locations have been issued.