

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3646
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PLAN TO OPEN NEW PETROL PUMPS IN THE COUNTRY

3646 # Shri Mithlesh Kumar:

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

- (a) whether a plan has been formulated by Government to open new petrol pumps all over the country;
- (b) if so, by when its notification is likely to be published; and
- (c) whether all those petrol pumps have been made operational for which offer for setting up was made previously, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a)to(c) Expansion of Retail Outlet (RO) 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.

In November/December, 2018, Pubic Sector OMCs had advertised 78,389 locations for setting up of ROs across the country. Out of them, as on 01.03.2023, Pubic Sector OMCs have commissioned (operational) 18,028 ROs. Further, commissioning of RO is a process which involves obtaining of various approvals including NOC from District Authority, NHAI access permission, Forest NOC, construction approval etc., as applicable. Fructification of cases into operationalization (Commissioning) of ROs is thus, dependent upon various factors and therefore the commissioning of retail outlets takes place over a period of time.
