

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF PETROL PUMPS
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

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

- (a) the details of the petrol pumps that were closed down in the country, State-wise, particularly in U.P. during the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for their closure;
- (c) whether the number of new retail outlets also commenced during this period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): During the last three years, i.e., from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003, 319 retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) of the public sector oil marketing companies were closed down in the country, including in the State of Uttar Pradesh, for various reasons like non-performance, adulteration & malpractices, benami operation, violation of the dealership agreement, resignation, unauthorized reconstitution, etc.

During this period, 2271 retail outlet dealerships were commissioned all over the country.