

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

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RETAIL OUTLETS BY PRIVATE SECTOR OIL COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Private Sector Oil Companies are not following the conditions laid by the Government regarding opening of Retail Outlets in remote / low service areas of the country ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government against these private sector companies and to ensure the opening of agencies / retail outlets as prescribed quota in the remote / low service areas ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : Government have advised Private Sector Oil Companies namely ; M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL) while granting authorisation to market transportation fuels, to set up atleast 10.9% of total Retail Outlets to be set up by them, in remote and low service areas. So far, these companies have not commissioned any Retail Outlet in the country.