

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:448  
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RETAIL OUTLETS BY PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have permitted private sector oil companies to open Diesel and Petrol retail outlets across the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount paid by them as royalty or bid amount to the Government ; (
- (c) the time by which they are going to open their retail outlets across the country ;
- (d) whether it will not affect the Marketing Plans of existing public sector oil companies ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) : Government have granted permission to open retail outlets to M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited & M/s. Essar Oil Limited as per guidelines issued vide its Resolution dated 8th March, 2002. They have not paid any royalty or bid amount to the Government
- (c) to (e) : These Private Companies as well as Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are free to set up Retail Outlets as per their commercial considerations.