

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

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CANCELLATION OF IOC DEPOTS AT FORBESHGANJ
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason for cancellation of services of Indian Oil Corporation's depot at Forbeshganj;
- (b) whether due to cancellation of this service the cost of diesel and petrol has been increased by 16 paise per litre;
- (c) whether there is some conspiracy between dealers and Indian Oil to create artificial scarcity in the border areas to earn extra cost from the consumers;
- (d) whether the Government are aware that farmers are facing lot of problems there and it also affect the productivity; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) : Forbeshganj Depot had been receiving petroleum products by metergauge (MG) rail from Siliguri. Railways have taken up rail gauge conversion from MG to Broad Gauge (BG) between New Jalpaiguri to Forbeshganj section with effect from December, 2002. Since no input is received through rail, markets earlier attached to Forbeshganj Depot, are now fed from Barauni Terminal.
- (b) : Out of 21 markets attached to Barauni, there is an increase in retail selling price of petrol/diesel in 7 markets only. The increase in retail selling price in these markets is between 3 paise to 16 paise for petrol and between 3 paise to 15 paise in diesel. There is a reduction in retail selling price in balance 14 markets. The reduction is between 5 paise to 24 paise in petrol and between 4 paise to 23 paise in diesel.
- (c) : No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) : No such report has been received by the Government.