

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

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OPENING OF RETAIL OUTLETS/GAS AGENCIES

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

the number of retail outlets and gas agencies proposed to be set up by Public Sector and Private Sector Oil Companies during 2005-2006, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP) tentatively plan to set up around 4,667 retail outlet(RO) dealerships and 907 LPG distributorships (gas agencies) (LPG) in different States / Union Territories in the country during the year 2005-06. The OMC-wise position is as under:-

Proposed to be set up during 2005-06

RO LPG

IOCL	1,512	294
BPCL	1,735	178
HPCL	920	375
IBP	500	60

Total 4,667 907

As regards private sector oil companies, M/s Reliance Industries Limited, M/s Essar Oil Limited and M/s Shell India Marketing Pvt. Ltd. have been authorized to market transportation fuel and they propose to set up 5849, 1700 and 2000 retail outlets respectively. However, there is no fixed time-frame for setting up these retail outlets. Under the parallel marketing scheme, private oil companies may market imported LPG and are not required to take any authorization from Government for setting up LPG distributorships.