

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

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NEW TYPES OF PETROL PUMPS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether certain oil companies propose to open new type of petrol pumps in the country where urea, seeds, loans and free consultation would be provided as reported in Dainik Jagran dated April 17, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the States identified initially to be covered under the proposed scheme; and
- (d) the number of the said petrol pumps likely to be opened?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Government have asked public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) to conduct a survey to expand their network to cater to the requirements of the agricultural sector and to develop a business model to meet the petrol/diesel requirements of rural areas, as also to draft an approach paper on how to set up lowcost retail outlets (petrol pumps) replacing the barrel points / unauthorized pumps across the country. In the meantime, Indian Oil Corporation Limited have initiated steps, in terms of their own policy, to set up retail outlets in rural areas under the name 'Kisan Seva Kendra'. They have plans to set up around 1000 such outlets and the State-wise allocation of such outlets will depend on the detailed survey in all States to identify viable potential locations in the rural areas with availability of suitable sites. Besides supplying diesel and other petroleum products, these outlets are proposed to provide for non-oil facilities like the sale of fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, items of daily need like flour, soap, etc. and facilities like banking, internet kiosk, communication facilities, etc.

Other OMCs too have their own plans in this regard with the objective of making available petroleum products and other non-oil items/facilities required by farmers /agricultural consumers. No particular States have been identified for setting up of such outlets, and it is also not possible, at this stage, to indicate the number of such outlets that may be opened by all the OMCs. Setting up such retail outlets will depend, on many factors, including surveys by OMCs to identify viable and potential locations in rural areas, with availability of suitable sites.