

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

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SUBJECT PETROL DIESEL RETAIL OUTLETS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a): the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets in the country at present, State-wise; and
- (b): the number of petrol pumps closed during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : As on 31.3.2006, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited, had 29,842 retail outlets in the country. State-wise details are available with the Directors(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned. In addition, two other public sector oil companies, viz., Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited and Numaligarh Refinery Limited, who have been granted marketing rights for transportation fuels and also authorised to set up retail outlets for the purpose, have commissioned 1 and 58 retail outlets respectively in the country as on 31.3.2006.

(b): A total of 379 retail outlets were closed by these OMCs during the last three years, i.e., 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06. The ROs were closed due to various reasons, like, non-performance, court case, road widening, adulteration, land dispute, financial problems, family dispute, benami operation, malpractices, dispute among partners, etc.