

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AUTOMATED PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- : whether Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has opened its first fully automated petrol pump in Mumbai;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): the extent to which the automated petrol pump outlet would prevent pilferage and adulteration of petroleum products;
- (d): whether Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) proposes to set up similar outlets in other cities/metros in the country; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has recently introduced automation in one of its retail outlets (ROs) located in Mumbai. The automated system provides for monitoring of stocks, receipts and sales from the RO, apart from other features like computerized billing, etc.

(c): The automation system being provided at ROs is expected to facilitate better monitoring of stocks, receipts and sales from the outlets. These transactions can be constantly recorded by the computer provided within the system and automatically transferred to the Company's Head Office on daily basis. The system is also expected to ensure efficient stock reconciliation on day-to-day basis, thereby reducing the chances of unintended product being unloaded in the tanks at these ROs.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. By the end of the current year, i.e., 2006-07, IOC plans to cover around 1000 retail outlets in the country under its automation programme. Location-wise details are available with the Director(Marketing) of the Company.