

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF PETROL PUMPS BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of petrol pumps set up by the private companies in the country, company-wise ;
- (b) whether some private companies have stopped operation or reduced the number of fuel pumps in different States/Union Territories ; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) : Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to three private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL) and M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL).

The number of Retail Outlets (ROs) set up by these private companies so far are as under :

Name of Company No. of ROs

RIL	1277
EOL	900
SIMPL	14

(b) to (d) : RIL and SIMPL have reported that they have not stopped operations of any of their ROs. M/s. EOL has reported that while 160 of their ROs are operating partially, the remaining ROs are not taking product due to high price difference with the ROs operated by public sector oil marketing companies. Private sector companies are free to decide on the quantities and prices of petrol and diesel sold by them.