

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1344  
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN IOC AND GULF FERTILIZERS  
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

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

- (a) : whether the Indian Oil Corporation and Indo Gulf Fertilizers have signed a MoU for jointly marketing products needed for farming ;
- (b) : if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) : whether the Indian Oil Corporation has expanded its retail network in rural areas through low-cost outlets in markets for catering to rural/ agriculture customers ;and
- (d) : if so, the details thereof along with the number of retail outlets of fertilizers, seeds, farm equipment, pesticides, vegetables proposed to be opened in each State ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered between Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Indo Gulf Fertilizers Limited (IGFL) to make IGFL products available to the farmers through rural retail outlets of IOC known as Kisan Seva Kendras. The agreement between IGFL and IOC is restricted to the supply and servicing of agricultural inputs only.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir. IOCL has developed the rural retail outlets for serving the rural/agriculture population across the country. So far, IOC has set up 1180 rural retail outlets and has plan to develop 700 more such outlets during the year 2007-08 across the country.