

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

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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS/ GAS AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) : the details of retail outlets and gas agencies allotted by the public sector oil companies from April 01, 2004 to March 31, 2007 in the country, State-wise;
- (b) : whether in some of the above cases allotment was made without advertising and following the due procedure in this regard;
- (c) : if so, the reasons therefore and the details thereof;
- (d) : whether the Government proposes to scrap such allotments and take action against the guilty officers responsible for such allotments;
- (e) : if so, the details thereof;
- (f) : whether the public sector oil companies have decided to open twelve thousand new retail outlets in the country; and
- (g) : if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : During the period April 01, 2004 to March 31, 2007, 12885 Retail Outlet dealerships and 752 LPG distributorships have been allotted by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) throughout the country. State-wise details are given in Annexure.

(b)to(e) : OMCs have not reported any such case where allotment was made without following the due procedure. However, as per the prevalent guidelines, allotment of dealerships/distributorships was made without the route of advertisements to various categories of persons, viz., Government Organisations/ PSUs/ Autonomous Bodies/ Charitable Trust/ Large Fleet Operators/ Land Owners, etc.subject to feasibility of location, commercial viability and candidate meeting the eligibility criteria.

(f)&(g) : OMCs have planned to set up 3215 retail outlet dealerships during the year 2007-08.