

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

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OPENING OF NEW PETROL PUMPS AND GAS AGENCIES IN HP AND J & K

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

(a): whether there is any proposal to open new petrol pumps and gas agencies in various districts of Himachal Pradesh and J&K;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the time by which these agencies are likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): The public sector oil marketing companies, viz., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPC) and IBP Co. Ltd. (IBP) have plans to set up the following number of retail outlet (RO) dealerships (Petrol Pumps) and LPG distributorships in various districts in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir:-

| Name of Oil Co. | Himachal Pradesh | | Jammu & Kashmir | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|----|
| No. of ROs | No. of LPG | No. of ROs | No. of LPG | |
| IOC | 66 | 19 | 55 | 3 |
| BPC 24 | 42 | 55 | 42 | |
| HPC 22 | 3 | 67 | 7 | |
| IBP 64 | 0 | 46 | 0 | |
| Total | 176 | 64 | 223 | 52 |

Many of these dealerships/ distributorships are likely to be commissioned during the current year, i.e., 2004-05, however, it may be difficult to indicate the exact time-frame within which all these will be commissioned because commissioning will depend on various factors like selection of candidates, allotment of dealerships/distributorships, availability of land and other statutory approvals from the local authorities, etc.