

Diesel Oil (LDO).

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Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Rajasthan

8798. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol and diesel pumps in Rajasthan, urban and rural area-wise:

(b) the district-wise number and locations of new petrol and diesel pumps for which licences were issued during the last three years:

(c) the number of new licences proposed to be issued for petrol and diesel pumps for rural areas of Rajasthan,

(d) whether ex-servicemen and rural educated unemployed youth are given preference and concessions in such allotment; and

(e) the number of such licences being allotted to these categories in the country and the number in respect of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). As on 1.1.1990, 850 retail outlets (petrol/diesel) are operating in the State of Rajasthan. Currently, 45 new retail outlets are proposed in Rajasthan.

The existing classification of retail outlets by the Oil Industry is based on class of markets and is not on the basis of urban/rural areas. Hence details in this regard are not maintained. The districtwise number and locations of new petrol/diesel pumps for which

licenses were issued in the last three years if being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) 7 1/2% of the dealerships of retail outlets are reserved for Defence Category which includes ex-servicemen. This has been enhanced to 15% for the Marketing Plan 1988-89 to include the disabled, ex-servicemen and widows/dependants of the Indian Peace keeping Force Casualties. Even through there is no reservation for unemployed graduates/engineering graduates they are given preference in the Open Category.

(e) The number of such licences being allotted to ex-servicemen and rural educated unemployed youth in the current year cannot be indicated in advance as there is no exclusive reservation for these categories.

[*English*]

Indo-Soviet Joint Ventures

8799. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Indo-Soviet joint venture is proposed to be established for oil and gas prospecting; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Intensive Integrated Exploration is being carried out by ONGC in mutually agreed areas of Cambay(N), Cauvery and West Bengal basins with Soviet Assistance.

India and Soviet Union have agreed, in principle, for undertaking petroleum operations jointly in other countries. No proposal in this regard has been formulated as yet.