

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated : 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2012

To,

1. Shri R.S. Bhutola, Chairman IOCL, Mumbai,
2. Shri R.K. Singh, C&MD, BPCL, Mumbai,
3. Shri S.Roy Choudhury, C&MD, HPCL, Mumbai

Sub: Opening of New Retail Outlets (ROs) by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

Sir,

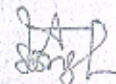
The issue of setting up of new retail outlets for selling various petroleum products by the OMCs have been under consideration of this Ministry for some time.

2. I am directed to inform you that it has now been decided that henceforth OMCs will not invest in opening of new retail outlets and the investment is to be made by prospective dealers only. OMCs may specify suitable standards of service / safety of retail outlets / equipment and operationalise this through a suitable RO scheme. All future ROs should be automated.

3. This order issues with the approval of Minister (P&NG).

4. This order will come into effect from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully



(Akhilesh Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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- 1) PS to Minister (P&NG)
- 2) PS to MoS (P&NG)
- 3) Sr. PPS to Secretary (P&NG)
- 4) Sr. PPS to Addl. Secretary (P&NG)
- 5) Sr. PPS to AS &FA (P&NG)
- 6) PS to JS (M)
- 7) PS to Director (D&MC)