

(b) OMCs have reported that a meeting was held on 06.08.2008 at Marketing Head Quarter of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India to discuss ways and means to prevent fraudulent practices in the digital dispensing pumps. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution issued recommendations *vide* its letter dated 26.07.2012 for implementation to Controllers of Legal Metrology of all States/ Union Territories (UTs) on Dip Switch sealing.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution have further issued instructions dated 18.06.2013 to the Controller of Legal Metrology for strict compliance of the rules and penalty in the Legal Metrology Act to stop fraudulent practices at petrol/ diesel dispensers so that consumers get correct quantity.

#### **Supply of subsidized LPG cylinders to affluent foreigners**

2249. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidized LPG cylinders are supplied to foreigners, diplomats and overseas students residing in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such LPG consumers along with the reasons for supply of subsidized cylinders to such category of consumers; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop supply of subsidized LPG cylinders to affluent foreigners, diplomats, overseas students residing in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Government has decided that the foreign nationals/ Non Resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/Overseas Citizenship of India (OCIs) will be eligible only for a domestic non-subsidized LPG connection and all existing LPG connections issued to these categories may be converted into domestic non-subsidized category with effect from 30.12.2013.

#### **Surprise inspection by OMCs at distributor's premises**

2250. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) undertake regular surprise inspection at distributors' premises, conduct refill audit and surprise checks at customers' premises, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of LPG distributors found guilty of malpractice during the last three years; and

(c) the punitive action taken against the guilty distributors as per the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) carry regular surprise inspections at distributors premises, conduct refill audits, surprise checks at customers premises, en-route checking of delivery vehicles etc.

State/OMC-wise details of inspections done during last three years and the period upto May' 2014 is given in Statement (*See* below).

Number of established cases of malpractices/ irregularities by LPG distributors during last three years is as under:-

Sl. No.	Period	No of irregularities/ malpractices
1.	2011-12	1881
2.	2012-13	2218
3.	2013-14	1411

Action has been taken against all erring LPG distributors in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

## Statement

OMCs Inspections for last three years and current year (CY) as on 01.06.2014

State/UT	IOC					BPCL					HPCL					OMCs				
	CY	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	CY	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	CY	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	CY	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	CY	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Chandigarh	39	39	46	30	5	30	24	19	4	29	25	19	48	98	95	68				
Delhi	51	569	415	475	41	277	357	346	30	393	351	202	122	1239	1123	1023				
Haryana	29	397	372	395	28	333	334	333	18	72	135	142	75	802	841	870				
Himachal Pradesh	47	278	318	324	6	27	25	35	0	45	27	52	53	350	370	411				
Jammu and Kashmir	22	272	235	264	4	52	38	54	23	136	204	192	49	460	477	510				
Punjab	20	474	438	609	54	313	358	277	69	340	364	297	143	1127	1160	1183				
Rajasthan	49	717	763	631	55	354	417	447	51	732	485	403	155	1803	1665	1481				
Uttar Pradesh	181	1584	1488	1511	151	1197	1477	1480	120	547	546	676	452	3328	3511	3667				
Uttarakhand	19	216	224	195	0	0	0	0	0	14	75	45	19	230	299	240				
SUB TOTAL NORTH	457	4546	4299	4434	344	2583	3030	2991	315	2308	2212	2028	1116	9437	9541	9453				
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	9	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	18	17			

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Arunachal Pradesh	9	29	46	59	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	30	46	59
Assam	86	814	641	607	13	90	88	21	0	61	24	21	99	965	753	649
Bihar	112	402	393	358	43	314	513	160	16	149	221	152	171	865	1127	670
Jharkhand	78	348	297	258	0	58	75	37	10	89	107	86	88	495	479	381
Manipur	16	104	81	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	104	81	48
Meghalaya	6	34	44	51	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	34	45	51
Mizoram	13	89	77	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	89	77	45
Nagaland	3	52	94	73	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	55	94	74
Odisha	39	139	202	203	21	97	151	157	24	226	211	279	84	462	564	639
Sikkim	6	37	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	37	33	4
Tripura	16	88	78	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	88	78	53
West Bengal	102	661	666	846	45	354	527	460	34	370	337	346	181	1385	1530	1652
SUB TOTAL EAST	489	2806	2670	2622	123	917	1355	836	84	895	900	884	696	4618	4925	4342
Chhattisgarh	39	311	334	306	12	111	63	55	6	123	231	207	57	545	628	568
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0
Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	48	0	0	20	48	0

Goa	2	11	19	23	8	64	97	56	11	91	144	106	21	166	260	185
Gujarat	108	838	1031	974	47	415	547	426	43	725	444	294	198	1978	2022	1694
Madhya Pradesh	101	782	1062	947	34	347	393	370	85	901	399	498	220	2030	1854	1815
Maharashtra	64	353	800	668	194	1191	2244	1438	275	1753	1960	1448	533	3297	5004	3554
SUB TOTAL WEST	314	2295	3246	2918	295	2128	3344	2345	420	3613	3237	2553	1029	8036	9827	7816
Andhra Pradesh	29	1119	1096	1242	134	244	483	217	125	1571	1832	1693	288	2934	3411	3152
Karnataka	60	496	531	643	47	98	230	311	95	825	668	505	202	1419	1429	1459
Kerala	52	456	506	551	54	158	72	141	39	275	272	215	145	889	850	907
Lakshadweep					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pudducherry		25		125	0	0	11	0	0	6	4	11	0	31	15	136
Tamilnadu	190	1700	1355	1332	75	292	385	188	46	481	601	425	311	2473	2341	1945
SUB TOTAL SOUTH	331	3796	3488	3893	310	792	1181	857	305	3158	3377	2849	946	7746	8046	7599
ALL INDIA	1591	13443	13703	13867	1072	6420	8910	7029	1124	9974	9726	8314	3787	29837	32339	29210