

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd DECEMBER, 2022

QR Codes for LPG Cylinders

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the domestic LPG cylinders would be equipped with scannable QR codes in the next three months and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of LPG cylinders embedded with QR code released in the market so far; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent gas theft from LPG gas cylinders and ensure better inventory management of the cylinders?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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(a) to (c) A pilot study for QR code tagging of cylinders has been undertaken by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) at Madanpur Khadar Bottling Plant, Delhi. Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) has accorded approval for a period of 3 months w.e.f. 01.09.2022 for filling of QR coded LPG cylinders at Madanpur Khadar Bottling plant and dispatch to only two distributors of Delhi Market. Subsequently PESO has extended the permission further for 3 more months i.e. till 28.02.2023. This initiative has potential to resolve issues of pilferage, tracking and tracing and better inventory management of gas cylinders. IOCL has sent total 23,827 such QR tagged 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders to these distributors till 27.11.2022.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have taken several steps to prevent pilferage/supply of underweight cylinders to LPG consumers, which inter-alia include, random weight checking of filled cylinders at bottling plant, sealing of cylinders with Tamper Evident Seal, Statistical Quality Control on 10 % cylinders received from bottling plant, pre-delivery checks of cylinders, carrying portable weighing scales by delivery persons, random checks by OMC officials at go-down/delivery points/en-route, organizing public awareness campaigns etc.
