

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1983
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
ADULTERATION OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether petrol pump owners throughout the country are indulging in adulteration of petrol and diesel in connivance with the oil companies;
- (b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;
- (c) the number of petrol pumps selling adulterated petrol, identified so far, State-wise;
- (d) the number of guilty persons against whom action has been initiated during the last three years, till date, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any steps to break the nexus between oil companies and petrol pump owners; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (f) :- A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED O.NO.1983 FOR 30.11.2000 REGARD ADULTERATION OF PETROL & DIESEL.

(a) to (f):- Government have not received any report of alleged connivance of oil companies with petrol pump owners indulging in adulteration of petrol and diesel throughout the country. The oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System), furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are undertaken by the oil companies. The results of inspection carried out by the oil marketing companies at the retail outlets during the last three years, the irregularities detected and action taken are given at Annexure.