

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:764
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
BAN ON USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AT PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil Industry Safety Directorate has recommended for switch off of cellular phones at petrol pumps;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have issued any direction to create awareness among customers in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the directions effectively?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) : The Government has directed that steps should be taken to create an awareness amongst customers about the need for switching off cell phone while at retails outlets. Further, the Oil Marketing Companies have been instructed to display warning notices apart from orienting field staff at the retail outlets for distributing suitable pamphlets to each vehicle entering the premises for a period of 30 days or so. A Press Release was also made on 27th June, 2002 for the information of the public at large.