

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

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MANUFACTURE OF FIBRE GLASS LPG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce translucent fibre glass LPG cylinders to enable the consumers to view the level of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) inside when delivered in order to check frequent consumer complaints of LPG cylinders being delivered underweight ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether a Norwegian company has obtained the clearance from the Chief Controller of Explosives to manufacture the cylinders in India ;
- (d) if so, whether the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have received offers from other overseas manufacturers of LPG fibre glass cylinders conforming to the specifications set forth by the licencing authority in the country ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) the response of the OMCs thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) :Government has conveyed "in principle" approval to the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for expanding the product line by way of introduction of composite (translucent fiberglass) cylinders for marketing domestic LPG, subject to there being no subsidy element in the LPG to be marketed through these composite cylinders. The composite cylinders will show the level of LPG present in the cylinder.

(c) to (f):OMCs have reported that as of now two suppliers of composite cylinders viz., M/s. Ragasco, Norway and M/s. Composite Scandinavia, Sweden have been approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE). OMCs are in the process of evaluating the different technologies for finalizing the best suited technology to Indian conditions.