

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

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SALE OF POOR QUALITY OF PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of under wighment and poor quality of petrol and diesel to the consumers by retail outlets have been brought to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases brought to light during the last three years;
- (c) the action initiated against the erring retail outlets; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): The possibility of adulteration of petrol/diesel by some unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out due to huge price difference between petroiyydiesel and various adulterants available in the market and the easy miscibility of these products with petrol/diesel. Details of suspected cases of adulteration and short delivery of product detected by the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to check adulteration in petrol and diesel during the last three years is as under: -

2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 (Apr-Feb. 10)

Adulteration case 154 197 111 42
Short delivery 994 907 1025 905

Action has been taken in line with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and Dealership Agreements against the Retail Outlet dealers found indulging in adulteration and short delivery.

(d): OMCs undertake regular and surprise inspections of Retail Outlets and also take action under MDG and Dealership Agreements against those indulging in adulteration and malpractices. MDG provide for termination of dealership in the first instance itself for serious malpractices like adulteration, tampering of seals, and unauthorized fittings/gears in dispensing units.

In order to check adulteration, the Government has taken a number of additional initiatives viz., Automation of Retail Outlets, Third party certification of Retail Outlets, Monitoring of movement of tank trucks through Global Positioning System (GPS), Revision of MDG etc.