

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

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SURPRISE RAIDS ON LPG DISTRIBUTORS

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

- (a) whether surprise raids have been conducted by the Government on the LPG distributors in the various parts of the Uttar Pradesh ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise during the last two years ;
- (c) whether the information in regard to the raids were already leaked due to the nexus between LPG companies and corrupts LPG distributors and therefore the raids were merely an eye wash ; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken against the guilty persons ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : During the last two years, 104 raids were conducted on LPG distributors of Uttar Pradesh.The year-wise details are as under :-

Year Number of raids

2008-09 36

2009-10 68

The area-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.

Action against the erring distributors was taken as per provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreement.

Raids are carried out without intimation and no such instances where the distributors were given tip off have come to notice.