

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

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ACCIDENTS OF FUEL CARRYING VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil Companies have given warning/alerted drivers while transporting LPG cylinders/ fuel tanks during heavy monsoon seasons in Kerala, to avoid accidents ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the number of accidents happened with fuel carrying vehicles in NH-17 from Mangalore to Calicut and the details of loss of human lives and financial loss to companies in this respect?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : OMCs impart regular training to drivers on defensive driving skills and hazards of LPG. Drivers' are adequately briefed for avoiding over speeding, overtaking and adherence to proper negotiating skills on road to reduce hazard in road transportation of LPG. During the drivers' training, care to be taken in heavy monsoon season is also covered. Only drivers who have undergone three days drivers' training under Motor Vehicles Act and whose licenses are endorsed by the Regional Transport Officers are engaged for transporting of LPG cylinder/fuel tank.

Apart from regular training, safety tips are given for alertness and safe driving. Special training on "Safe Driving in Monsoon" are conducted before the onset of monsoon to create awareness about risk involved during monsoon and are advised to be more alert while driving during monsoon season.

(c) : Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that 14 accidents occurred involving fuel carrying vehicles / Tank Trucks (TTs) on NH-17 from Mangalore to Calicut during the year 2009-10 and from April 2010 to November, 2010. There was one fatality due to these accidents and no financial loss to the OMCs in these accidents.