

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

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RAIDS ON LPG DISTRIBUTORS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted surprise raids on LPG distributors in Budhana area of Maharashtra ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years ;
- (c) whether prior information of said raids is given to these distributors in connivance with officials of the concerned oil marketing companies which make these raids only an eye-wash ; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a)to(d): During the last three years and the period April 2011 to September 2011, 100 raids were conducted on LPG distributorships in Budhana area of Maharashtra. The year-wise details are as under :-

Year Number of raids

2008-09 18

2009-10 30

2010-11 31

April
to September, 2011 21

Based on established complaints, action has been taken in 7 cases against the erring LPG distributors during the said period, under the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines/Distributorship Agreements.

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