

**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 has conducted a surprise raid on LPG distributors in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha and Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years ;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the prior information is given for conducting of raids on account of nexus between the concerned LPG companies and the corrupt LPG distributors and the raids are conducted only for eyewash ; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against guilty persons ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : During the last three years, 16 raids were conducted on LPG distributorships in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha and 103 in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu. The year-wise details are as under :-

Year	Number of raids in Mayurbhanj district.	Number of raids in Cuddalore district.
2009-10	7	31
2010-11	4	34
2011-12	5	38
tOTAL	16	103

Action against the erring LPG distributors was taken under the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

- (c) : Raids are carried out without prior intimation and no such instances have come to notice where the distributors were given prior tip-off.
- (d) : Do not arise in view of (c) above.