

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

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LPG CYLINDERS  
Singh Shri Bhola

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

- (a) the total number of LPG cylinders of various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in circulation in the country at present, OMC-wise;
- (b) the number of cylinders that have outlived their service life but still in circulation, OMC-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to phase out such LPG cylinders; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): As on 31.10.2012, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are having 23.75 Crore number of LPG cylinders in circulation in the country.

(b) to (d): The LPG cylinders for domestic and non domestic use are manufactured as per Indian Standard Specifications IS: 3196. The cylinders are manufactured under the certification of the third party inspection agency i.e. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). All cylinders are again checked at Bottling Plants and only sound cylinders are sent for filling.

LPG cylinders in use are periodically tested for safety as per norms of the Chief Controller of Explosives, PESO

The periodicity of the testing is ten years from date of manufacturing of the cylinder and then subsequently every five years. Only the fit cylinders passing through these tests are repainted and put back into circulation. The cylinders which are detected unfit in these tests are taken out of circulation and deshaped.