

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:162
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2013
MISUSE OF SUBSIDISED LPG CYLINDERS
Danve Shri Raosaheb Patil

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to change the colour of subsidized LPG cylinders for identification and also to prevent its misuse in the open market or for commercial purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which such cylinders are likely to be introduced by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs); and
- (d) the other steps taken/ being taken by the Government to check black marketing of subsidised LPG cylinders ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 162 BY SHRI RAO SAHEB DANVE PATIL TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH MARCH, 2013 REGARDING MISUSE OF SUBSIDISED LPG CYLINDERS

(a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration of Government to change the colour of subsidized LPG cylinder. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have already introduced different colours/size for domestic and non-domestic LPG cylinders for controlling malpractice/ irregularities in the supply of domestic LPG for unauthorized use. LPG for non-domestic use is sold in 5 kg, 19 kg, 35 kg & 47.5 kg cylinders and these cylinders are easily identifiable by size and colour (oxford blue/ bus green colour). Domestic LPG cylinders are sold in 5 kg & 14.2 kg red coloured cylinders.

(d) OMCs undertake regular surprise inspections at distributor's premises, conduct refill audits and surprise checks at customer's premises and en-route checking of delivery vehicles. If LPG distributors are found guilty of any malpractice, punitive action is taken in accordance with provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).