

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:263

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013

CONSUMPTION OF DIESEL BY GENERATOR SETS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any estimate of the consumption of diesel by diesel generator sets used for powering cellular telephony towers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity of diesel consumed during the last three years, year and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total subsidy borne by the Government towards the consumption of diesel by such diesel generator sets for the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check use of subsidised diesel for powering cellular telephony towers?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

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

Statement referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.263 for answer on 15.03.2013 regarding 'Consumption of Diesel by Generator Sets' asked by Shri Ananth Kumar.

(a) & (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that no separate record is maintained regarding sale of Diesel to various segments at retail outlets, including sale to diesel generator sets used for powering cellular telephony towers. As per the on going second round of survey conducted by M/s A.C. Nielsen ORG-MAG (Pvt.) Limited, the share of consumption of diesel by mobile towers is estimated to be 1.68% of total diesel consumption.

(c) Data on Sector-wise subsidy borne by the Government is not maintained. During the financial year 2012-13, the total projected under recovery on diesel is expected to be Rs.92,793 crore based on prices effective 01.03.2013.

(d) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has recently reiterated instructions to OMCs to ensure that at one time diesel is sold in an approved container of capacity not exceeding 200 litres to customers taking away fuel in a drum from a retail outlet. It is not possible to prevent use of this subsidised diesel purchased from retail outlets for powering cellular telephony towers.