

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

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BLACK MARKETING OF DIESEL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether dual pricing system of diesel has spurred the blackmarketing of diesel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the blackmarketing of diesel?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As reported by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), there are no reports of black-marketing of diesel in the country consequent upon revision of price for bulk consumers.

(c) The Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005 issued by the Central Government under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 provides for punitive action against malpractices such as adulteration, unauthorized sale/ purchase, pilferage etc.

Further, the Government has taken a number of initiatives viz. Automation of Retail Outlets, Third Party Certification of Retail Outlets, Monitoring of movement of tank trucks through Global Positioning System (GPS), etc. to check various irregularities/ malpractices concerning petroleum products.

OMCs also undertake regular surprise inspections of Retail Outlets and take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and Dealership Agreements against those indulging in adulteration and malpractices. MDG provides for termination of dealership in the first instance itself for serious malpractices like adulteration, tampering of seals and unauthorized fittings/ gears in dispensing units.

OMCs have installed GPS system to monitor movement of Tank Trucks carrying MS and HSD. This enables OMCs to closely monitor the movement of tank trucks and detect any unauthorized deviation from specified route and specified time required for delivery.