

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

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

- (a) whether a large number of old/expired/obsolete LPG cylinders are in circulation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise
- (c) whether various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have issued any guidelines to the LPG distributors not to circulate such LPG cylinders to consumers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken by the LPG distributors in this regard ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that no specific complaint relating to expired / old/ obsolete LPG cylinders in circulation have been received. However, the LPG cylinders are subjected to periodic statutory testing (ST) to check its fitness for circulation.
- (c) to (e) : OMCs have reported that they have instructed their distributors to ensure that no LPG cylinder due for statutory testing is supplied to the customers.