

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

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ANTI ADULTERANT IN KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether anti-adulterant in kerosene has the threat of cancer;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): With effect from 01 Jan 2009 no marker is used in kerosene. As a precautionary measure relating to possible health hazard and also from toxicological point of view with regard to usage of marker in kerosene a specific requirement is kept in the tenders which specifies that the Marker should be occupationally and toxicologically safe. Vendors must provide Material Safety Data Sheets. It has further been decided by the Oil Marketing Companies to get the expert opinion & toxicological study done on the technically qualified markers at the national institutes, namely Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC), Lucknow or National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH), Ahmedabad.