

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

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INTRODUCTION OF MARKER SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to re-introduce marker system to check adulteration in petrol-diesel at petrol pumps across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the customers are likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The process for selection of a new and efficient marker is under process by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). On behalf of Oil Industry, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (R&D) has floated a global tender for procurement of new marker system. The Oil Industry has not found any of the parties which responded to the marker tender, meeting the tender requirements in totality and as such none of the marker system in its present form could be accepted for implementation.

This Ministry has advised Oil Industry to re-issue the tender after a period of 3-4 months by which time some manufacturers may be able to develop a system which meets the requirements. Further, the Oil Industry has also been advised to explore the possibility of developing an indigenously produced marker through R&D in consultation with institutions of repute like Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) etc.