

Mixing of Kerosene with Petrol and Diesel

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibilities have increased of mixing kerosene with petrol and diesel due to high rise in prices of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for checking the mixing of kerosene with petrol and diesel; and

(c) the cases detected/registered, State wise, by Government in this regard during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps are being taken to prevent adulteration of petrol and diesel with Kerosene:

(i) Filter paper test at petrol pumps.

(ii) Recording of temperature and density of HSD both at supply and receipt points.

(iii) Doping of Kerosene with furfural.

(iv) Introduction of Mobile Laboratories for surprise checks at petrol pumps.

(v) Regular inspections of petrol pumps and kerosene agencies by oil company offices.

(vi) State Govts./UTs have been delegated power under Section 3 of the essential Commodities Act to issue appropriate orders for resulting the distribution and trade of essential commodities and for any incidental and supplementary matter.

(c) The Statement given below shows the cases detected, State-wise by the oil companies during the last one year i.e April '89 to March '90.

Out of 508 cases, 90 cases relate to product adulteration and the remaining pertain to other malpractices. Statewise figures are not available for product adulteration cases.

STATEMENT

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	92
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	0
4.	Bihar	11

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
5.	Chandigarh	0
6.	Gujarat	39
7.	Goa	2
8.	Haryana	17
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
11.	Karnataka	4
12.	Kerala	16
13.	Maharashtra	54
14.	Madhya Pradesh	49
15.	Manipur	0
16.	Mizoram	0
17.	Nagaland	0
18.	New Delhi	4
19.	Orissa	3
20.	Punjab	69
21.	Pondicherry	0
22.	Rajasthan	9
23.	Tamil Nadu	18
24.	Tripura	0
25.	Uttar Pradesh	97
26.	West Bengal	19
Total		508
