

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2843
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th August, 2024

REGULATIONS ON BIO-DIESEL

2843. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:
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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the sale of unauthorised bio-diesel is happening without PESO regulations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether it is true that the "Guidelines for sale of Bio-diesel for blending with high-speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019" have not covered the sale of biodiesel extensively;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same; and
- (e) the details of the measures being taken to improve the situation?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL
GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (e): Government has received complaints of unauthorized sale of biodiesel/misselling of petroleum products in the name of biodiesel in the country from time to time. Government has already issued "Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019". These guidelines regulate the sale of biodiesel and inter alia, empower the State/UT Government authorities to carry out regular inspection of the retail outlets selling biodiesel. The guidelines also empower Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) along with the State Government officials to inspect, search and seize unauthorized and unscrupulous biodiesel manufacturing plants, the storage and distribution units and Retail Outlets.

Further, this Ministry has also written to all the States/UTs advising action to be taken under the provisions of Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Control Order, against entities including in illegal sale of biodiesel. State/UT Governments along with officers of OMCs have carried out numerous inspections/raids to prevent selling of unscrupulous petroleum products being sold in the name of biodiesel in the country.
