

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3381
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TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS OF BULK POL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether four Oil PSUs finalise the transportation contracts of Bulk POL products through Public Tenders and TCC;
- (b) if so, whether this said TCC is empowered to change the Terms and Conditions of prescribed tenders;
- (c) whether the said TCC is using different Tactic and Rule for finalising these Transportation contract for Leh, Himachal Pradesh and Ambala in Ex-Ambala contract and different Tactic for Ex-Haryana and Delhi contracts;
- (d) if so, whether the said TCC and IOCL has received some complaint by HPTO regarding the integrity and character of some of the transporters of Ambala and the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken by the Oil PSUs against such transportation Mafia involved in theft and adulteration during enroute;
- (f) the time by which this action shall be taken to ensure that none of the culprit may get such contracts; and
- (g) the efforts made to ensure proper transportation of products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) : Yes, Sir.
- (b) : No, Sir.
- (c) : No, Sir. Tender Consideration Committee (TCC) evaluates all the offers as per the Terms and Conditions of the Tender.
- (d) : A complaint has been received by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) regarding alleged malpractice by two tank trucks plying ex Ambala terminal. It has been alleged that these tank trucks were taking out product enroute while on way to consignees.
- (e) & (f) : Both tank trucks have been suspended from the operation.
- (g) : POL transportation tenders are finalised through public tender in open and transparent manner. Transport contractors have to abide by the transport agreement signed with contracting companies. In order to curb theft and adulteration oil marketing companies have introduced locking arrangement for the tank trucks. The keys of these locks are available only at oil company's loading location and at dealers end for receiving the product.