

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

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale circulation of fake LPG cylinders in the country;
- (b) the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years ; (
- (c) whether the Government propose to take any steps to check the circulation of fake cylinders ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have detected following number of fake cylinders during the last three years :-

Year	Number of fake cylinders
1999-2000	10,310
2000-2001	7,698
2001-2002	6,652

(c) & (d) : OMCs have instituted stringent measures and inspection procedures to ensure that only genuine cylinders of the company are filled at bottling plants and distributed in the market. The oil company officials also carry out surprise checks at bottling plants and distributors' premises to check the genuineness of the cylinders. The spurious cylinders identified at the bottling plants are segregated and de-shaped to avoid their re-circulation in the system.