

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:457

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DUPLICATE LPG CYLINDERS

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that fake / duplicate LPG cylinders are available aplenty in the market which often cause accidents resulting in consumers losing their lives and simultaneously the Government facing huge loss of revenue ;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last three years, year-wise ; and(

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to check the fake / duplicate LPG cylinders ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 457 BY SHRI ALOK KUMAR MEHTA & SHRI RAMDAS BANDU ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH AUGUST, 2004 REGARDING DUPLICATE LPG CYLINDERS.

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any accident caused due to the use of spurious LPG cylinders during the last three years.

(c) : OMCs procure LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers having valid licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) and approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee. These cylinders are manufactured under the close supervision of BIS. Besides, OMCs have instituted stringent measures and inspection procedures to ensure that only genuine cylinders are filled at bottling plants and distributed in the market. Cylinders, on receipt from dealers/transporters at the bottling plants, are checked for their genuineness. Those found fake are confiscated and erring dealers/transporters are penalised as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. The oil company officials also carry out surprise checks at bottling plants and distributors' premises to check the genuineness of the cylinders.