

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PILFERAGE OF KEROSENE

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints about pilferage of kerosene from tankers;
- (b) if so, the number of such complaints received during 2005;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to monitor the movement of Kerosene tankers from storage tanks to wholesalers in sub-divisions through satellite to check pilferage of kerosene; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPC) and IBP Ltd. have not received any complaints about pilferage of kerosene from tankers. However, a news report on Star News channel in mid-December, 2005, reported pilferage of kerosene from tank trucks at Jabalpur. IOC looked into the matter but the allegation could not be substantiated.

(c) & (d): Government have approved an innovative pilot project for radically revamping the PDS kerosene distribution network with the primary objective of ensuring that this heavily subsidized product is actually made available in the required quantities at subsidized prices to the intended beneficiaries; and secondly, to this cap reverse and eventually eliminate the diversion of PDS kerosene for adulteration. One of the salient features of this scheme is that supplies to the sub-wholesale points will be made under the direct supervision and responsibility of the OMCs. The scheme has been launched from 2nd October, 2005.

With a view to checking diversion/pilferage of subsidized kerosene and in order to monitor the movement of Tank Trucks transporting kerosene under the Jan Kerosene Pariyojna (JKP), the Government have advised the OMCs for installing Global Positioning System (GPS) based vehicle tracking system on the tank trucks carrying kerosene under JKP in phased manner. The essential features of the system is that the vehicle carrying PDS SKO is fitted with a device and can be tracked on real time basis from the time it leaves the supply location and till it reaches the destination.