

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

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

- (a) whether HPCL, BPCL and IOC supply gas cylinders that weight less in Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether these companies have recently fined for short supply of LPG to consumers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise ;
- (d) the reasons for short filling of cylinders by these companies in their plants; and
- (e) the action taken against the officials found responsible for such lapses in their plants?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): On 21.08.2006, Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government had taken samples of 96 filled LPG cylinders from Madanpur Khadar LPG bottling plant and 64 filled LPG cylinders from Tikri Kaian LPG bottling plant of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC). Out of total 160 LPG cylinders, 1 LPG cylinder was found under weight by 190 grams at Tikri Kalan LPG bottling plant due to filling from old Mechanical Carousel. Out of three Mechanical Carousels, two have already been replaced with Electronic Carousels and one is under replacement and is expected to be completed by December 2006.

Similarly, on 22.09.2006, Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government had taken samples of 96 filled LPG cylinders from Piyala LPG bottling plant of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and 64 filled LPG cylinders from Bahadurgarh LPG bottling plant of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). Out of above, 1 LPG cylinder each was found under weight by 250 grams and 585 grams at BPCL's and HPCL's bottling plant respectively due to wrong encoding of tare weights at the Electronic Carousels.

(e): Action against Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) has been taken by Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government. The Plant Managers and the employees of the bottling plants have been sensitized/cautioned to ensure non-recurrence of such lapses in future.