

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2065
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2022

Adulteration in petroleum products

2065 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of adulteration in various petroleum products being reported during the last three years, product-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the numbers of samples of petrol and diesel found adulterated alongwith the number of such samples collected for quality check, during said period including Bihar and whether surprise checks are being conducted by Government for quality check of various petroleum products, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the action taken against the oil marketing companies/persons/officials having been found guilty in this regard?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) The State/UT/Product wise number of established cases of adulteration at Retail Outlets (ROs) as reported by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last 3 years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) and current year (April 2021 to December 2021) is given below:

State / UT	No of Established cases of adulteration in MS	No of Established cases of adulteration in HSD	No of Established cases of adulteration in both MS/HSD	Total Established cases of adulteration
Andhra Pradesh	1	0	1	2
Assam	0	0	1	1
Bihar	0	1	0	1
Gujarat	0	1	0	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	0	0	1
Punjab	1	1	1	3
Rajasthan	1	3	0	4
Tamilnadu	1	0	1	2
Telangana	1	1	0	2
Uttar Pradesh	1	0	0	1
West Bengal	2	0	0	2
Total	9	7	4	20

There are no reported cases of adulteration of Kerosene for the same period.

- (b) & (c) OMCs' field officers carry out regular and surprise inspections of retail outlets and during such inspections quality and quantity checks are also carried out. Further, samples are also drawn at random by field officers and sent to laboratory to ascertain the quality of product. In addition to that, mobile labs also carry out surprise inspections and draw samples of MS/HSD at the retail outlets for testing. In established cases of sample failure/adulteration, the retail outlet is terminated in the first instance as per Guidelines in vogue and the provisions of Dealership agreement.

The State/UT wise details of the number of inspections (surprise checks) carried out at Public Sector OMCs' ROs, number of samples drawn from ROs for checking adulteration along with the number of established adulteration cases during the last three years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) and current year (April 2021 to December 2021) in the country (including Bihar) are annexed.

All the 20 ROs with established cases of adulteration during the period from 2018-19 to 2021-22 (April 2021 to December 2021), have been terminated by OMCs.

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Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2065 asked by Shri Satish Chandra Dubey for answer on 21.03.2022 regarding "Adulteration in petroleum products"

State/UT wise details of number of inspections carried out at ROs, number of samples drawn and number of established adulteration cases during the last three years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) and current year (April 2021 to December 2021)			
States / UTs	Number of Inspections (Surprise checks) carried out at Retail Outlets	Number of samples drawn (collected)	Number of established adulteration
Andhra Pradesh	40550	11719	2
Arunachal Pradesh	830	225	0
Assam	11795	5777	1
Bihar	30313	9720	1
Chattisgarh	15983	7584	0
Delhi	5595	8129	0
Goa	1926	620	0
Gujarat	40685	20451	1
Haryana	35267	17817	0
Himachal Pradesh	4811	1597	0
Jharkhand	14137	2498	0
Karnataka	43370	18222	0
Kerala	25967	6091	0
Madhya Pradesh	41202	14244	1
Maharashtra	63008	27955	0
Manipur	1495	15	0
Meghalaya	2423	384	0
Mizoram	390	12	0
Nagaland	769	138	0
Odisha	20583	5224	0
Punjab	41304	21807	3
Rajasthan	47779	21459	4
Sikkim	432	197	0
Tamil Nadu	61484	27651	2
Telangana	33395	11175	2
Tripura	951	67	0
Uttar Pradesh	81316	42597	1
Uttarakhand	5814	1438	0
West Bengal	28176	20176	2
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	139	87	0
Chandigarh	669	913	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	248	185	0
Daman and Diu	295	158	0
Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	4611	4882	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Puducherry	2426	278	0
Total	710138	311492	20

Source: Oil Marketing Companies (HPCL/IOCL/BPCL)
