

**Labour Department**

From,

The Controller of Legal Metrology,  
Office of the Commissioner of Labour,  
Teynampet, Chennai-6.

To

President,  
Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association,  
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Tiruvottiyur, Chennai- 600 019.

**Letter No. N1/11750/18, Dated: 26.03.2018**

Sir,

Sub: Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association, Chennai  
– Representation received - reg.

Ref: Letter dated: 17.03.2018 of the President, TNPDA,  
Chennai.

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With reference to the letter cited. I send herewith an action taken report as follows.

S.No.	Issues raised by TNPDA	Remarks
1	There is no transparency in the quantity supplied, from the supply location of the OMCs. The Flow meters at the terminals are calibrated and sealed without inviting the local dealers and representatives of the TNPDA. The corrective actions like usage of mobile proven tanks, calibration of the Flow meters and recording of the "K" factor of the flow meters at the terminals in the presence of the dealers representatives (TNPDA) be made as practice is not been sincerely followed.	As an outcome of the workshop on Calibration of Tanker Lorries, Fuel and L.P.G dispensing units conducted on 12/3/15 at Chennai, instructions were given to all Oil Marketing companies to inform about the tower calibration one week in advance every year to the supply location dealers/TNPDA office bearers and request them present during tower calibration for transparency and clean administration. Moreover instructions were also issued to the OMCs to deliver right quantity of fuel to the dealers/Trucks and the Tanker truck crews may also be allowed to check the quantity of the product that is taken delivery from the OMCs terminals/depots by using the dip rod vide this office letter No. N1/26907/2010 dated:
2.	The tower calibration is done within the supply locations, terminals and we are kept in dark and no information is given to the state association (TNPDA) at the time of tower calibration and flow meter calibration. Both the equipment's are under the control of Weights & Measures, Legal Metrology. The corrective actions of preventing stopping of the tanker Lorries enroute to our retail, outlets, installing the flow meter/other technologies in the tanker lorries to prevent pilferage, theft thus ensuring delivering correct quality to the dealers.	



		09.06.2015. As of now, the same practice is being followed by our Assistant Controller's of Legal Metrology while doing flow meter and tower calibrations.
3.	We are using underground tanks provided by the oil companies and it was not calibrated during the stocks calculation or reanalysis time we are not able to make sure of the inventory. The issues are just an extension of the above explained lacuna and we are forced to operate the retail outlets for financial loss. The corrective action of calibration of underground tanks by the W&M Legal Metrology department and Ensuring the maintenance of it, the standards laid out by the OISD and Quality Control on the underground storage tanks need to implement immediately.	Under the Ninth Schedule of the Legal Metrology(General) Rules 2011, only the method for calibration of vertical oil storage tanks is given. The underground tanks are horizontal type for which calibration methods are not prescribed under the Legal Metrology (General) Rules 2011.
4	As an outcome of the workshop on Calibration of Tanker Lorries, Fuel and L.P.G dispensing units conducted on 12/3/15 at Chennai to all OMC's & copy to Dealer Association. The letter instructs all TamilNadu supply locations-yearly tower calibration has to be done only after prior intimation to TNPDA & calibration should be done in the presence of local dealers and representatives of TNPDA. This was religiously followed by all terminals for the last 2 years and now the practice is discontinued in some location for the reasons unknown.	As of now, the same practice is being followed by our Assistant Controllers of Legal Metrology while doing flow meter and tower calibrations. However, instructions were also issued to the OMC's in this regard.
5	Our dealers are facing many difficulties on some of the doubts raised by the customers of 2 wheelers and 4 wheelers on the capacity of the tanks of the vehicle when the vehicle Tank holds more fuel than that of the capacity of the Manufacturer referred quantity and the capacity mentioned in the Owner manual Book this results in arguments with our Pump attendants and we are unable to explain them on the following. a) Whether all the 2/4 wheeler fuel tanks are calibrated? b) If not calibrated why they are mentioning in the owner's manual? These doubts may be clarified so that we can	motor cycle and car fuel tanks does not come under the purview of the Legal metrology (General) Rules 2011



	place such explanation in all our retail outlets which will benefit both the vehicle owners and the retail outlets dealers.																															
6	We request your good self to reply in detail the Wages to be paid to Manager, Skilled Manpower (Casher), Semi Skilled Manpower (Pump attender) Unskilled Manpower (Toilet cleaner and air boy) which are applicable to Petroleum business. Our dealers are responsible to ensure such payments of wages to our employees and also relating other payments to employees under the payment of Wages Act 1936, the TamilNadu Shops and Establishments Act 1947, the Minimum Wages act 1948 be also be clarified in detail.	<p>As per G.O.(2D) No.30 Labour and Employment (J1) Department, Dated: 29.05.2013 Minimum rates of wages including D.A from 1/4/18 applicable to the following categories are as under:-</p> <table><tr><th>CATEGORY</th><th>zone A</th><th>Zone B</th><th>Zone c</th><th>zone D</th><th>DA</th></tr><tr><td>MANAGER</td><td>2921</td><td>2883</td><td>2844</td><td>2814</td><td>4049</td></tr><tr><td>CASHIER</td><td>2578</td><td>2532</td><td>2487</td><td>2450</td><td>4049</td></tr><tr><td>PUMP OPERATOR</td><td>2494</td><td>2450</td><td>2402</td><td>2359</td><td>4049</td></tr><tr><td>sCAVENDER AND AIR BOY</td><td>2494</td><td>2450</td><td>2402</td><td>2359</td><td>4049</td></tr></table> <p>Zone A- All Corporations and special grade Municipalities Zone B- All Municipalities Zone C- All Town Panchayats Zone D- All Villages</p>	CATEGORY	zone A	Zone B	Zone c	zone D	DA	MANAGER	2921	2883	2844	2814	4049	CASHIER	2578	2532	2487	2450	4049	PUMP OPERATOR	2494	2450	2402	2359	4049	sCAVENDER AND AIR BOY	2494	2450	2402	2359	4049
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