

TNPDA Achievement – 2023

Round Table Workshop on Legal Metrology, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

TNPDA, along with the State Petroleum Dealers Associations of Delhi, Rajasthan, and Gujarat, jointly met the Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, and discussed several long-pending issues related to petroleum retailing Legal Metrology.

Key issues presented:

1. Tower calibration
2. Tank lorry calibration
3. “K-Factor” of dispensing units
4. Verification stamping fees paid by OMCs
5. Product delivery at standard temperature
6. Underground tank calibration
7. Rounding off decimal digits in dispensing units
8. Vehicle tank fuel capacity approximation

The Hon’ble Secretary advised the Director, Legal Metrology, to convene a Round Table Workshop for addressing these concerns. Accordingly, the workshop was held on 09.06.2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, chaired by Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, and Department of Consumer Affairs.

Resolutions Adopted

1. Tower Calibration – Before calibration of the depot towers, OMCs will notify the Petroleum Dealers Association in advance to be present as witnesses, ensuring transparency. An SOP will be prepared by Petroleum Dealers Associations before 30.06.2023.
2. K-Factor Assurance – Legal Metrology Officers will mandatorily mention the “K-Factor” of dispensing units in the verification certificate, providing an extra layer of assurance on dispenser performance.
3. Temperature Compensation in Invoices – Invoices issued by OMCs for tank Lorries will include the real-time oil temperature and compensate against the reference temperature of 15°C. This ensures fairness, since fuel volume varies with temperature. As per the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011, the Maximum Permissible Error (MPE) for vehicle tank compartments is 0.05% in excess of marked capacity.

Participants

Officials: Shri Rohit Kumar Singh (Secretary), Smt. Nidhi Khare (Additional Secretary), Shri Anupam Mishra (Joint Secretary), Shri Vineet Mathur (Joint Secretary), Dr. A.K. Sharma (Director Legal Metrology), Controllers of Legal Metrology from all States.

OMCs: IOCL, HPCL, BPCL.

Others: OEM representatives.

Dealers Associations:

Rajasthan – Shri Sunit Bagai, Shri Rajendra Bhati, Shri Shashank Kaurani

Uttar Pradesh – Shri D.V. Chaudhary

Delhi – Shri Anurag Narayan, Shri Anil Bijlani

Tamil Nadu – Shri K.P. Murali, Shri K. Manimaran, Shri K. Rajkumar, Shri P. Selvaraj, Shri T. Andrew Dominic

Maharashtra – Shri Anit Gupta

Bihar – Shri Prabhat Singh

Kerala – Shri Tom Scaria, Shri A.M. Saji

Karnataka – Shri Lokesh, Shri Prithviraj, Shri Tharnath

Andhra Pradesh – Shri Gopalakrishnan, Shri Nageshwar, Shri Chandu Lal

Punjab – Shri Monty Sehal

Special Note

This workshop was a historic initiative, with wide participation of like-minded State leaders. TNPDA played a key role in initiating and bringing together stakeholders for this meeting. The majority of the points raised by TNPDA were accepted and adopted as official resolutions, marking a significant achievement for petroleum dealers.

TNPDA சாதனை – 2023

சட்ட அளவியல் (Legal Metrology) தொடர்பான வட்ட மேசை ஆலோசனை – விக்யான் பவனில், நியூடெல்லி (09.06.2023)

தமிழ்நாடு பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கம் (TNPDA) டெல்லி, ராஜஸ்தான், குஜராத் மாநில பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கங்களுடன் இணைந்து நுகர்வோர் விவகார அமைச்சக செயலரைச் சந்தித்து, பெட்ரோலிய சில்லறை வணிகம் தொடர்பான பல முக்கிய பிரச்சனைகளை முன்வைத்தது.

முக்கிய விவகாரங்கள்:

1. டெப்போ டவர் அளவீடு (Tower Calibration)
2. டேங்க் லாரி அளவீடு (Tank Lorry Calibration)
3. விநியோக இயந்திரத்தின் “K-Factor”
4. IMC மூலம் செலுத்தப்படும் முத்திரைச் சரிபார்ப்பு கட்டணம் (Verification Stamping Fees)
5. நிலையான வெப்பநிலைக்கு ஏற்ப (Petrol & Diesel) விநியோகம் (Product delivery at standard temperature)
6. அடிநிலைக் கிணறு (Underground Tank) அளவீடு (Calibration)
7. விநியோக இயந்திரங்களில் தசம எண்கள் சுற்றிவட்டம் செய்வது (Rounding off decimal digits)
8. வாகன டேங்கின் எரிபொருள் கொள்ளளவு மதிப்பீடு

இவற்றை கவனத்தில் கொண்டு, செயலர் சட்ட அளவியல் இயக்குநரிடம் வட்ட மேசை ஆலோசனையை நடத்த அறிவுறுத்தினார். அதன்படி, 09.06.2023 அன்று நியூடெல்லி, விக்யான் பவனில், நுகர்வோர் விவகாரத் துறைச் செயலர் திரு ரோஹித் குமார் சிங் தலைமையில் ஆலோசனை கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது.

ஆலோசனையில் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட தீர்மானங்கள்

1. டெப்போ டவர் அளவீடு – டெப்போ டவர்களை அளவீடு செய்வதற்கு முன், OMC-கள் பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கத்தை முன்கூட்டியே அறிவித்து, அவர்களை சாட்சியாகப் பங்கேற்கச் செய்ய வேண்டும். 30.06.2023க்குள் SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கத்தால் தயாரிக்கப்பட வேண்டும்.
2. K-Factor உறுதி – விநியோக இயந்திரங்களின் “K-Factor” தகவலை, சட்ட அளவியல் அதிகாரிகள் வழங்கும் சரிபார்ப்பு சான்றிதழில் கட்டாயமாக குறிப்பிட வேண்டும். இதன் மூலம் இயந்திர செயல்பாடுகளில் கூடுதல் நம்பிக்கை கிடைக்கும்.
3. வெப்பநிலை ஈடு சேர்க்கை – டேங்க் லாரிகளுக்கான OMC விலைப்பட்டியலில், எரிபொருளின் நிகழ்நேர (Real-time) வெப்பநிலை குறிப்பிடப்பட வேண்டும். அது 15°C நிலையான வெப்பநிலைக்கு ஒப்பிட்டு ஈடு செய்யப்பட வேண்டும். ஏனெனில் எரிபொருளின் கொள்ளளவு வெப்பநிலையால் மாறக்கூடும். சட்ட அளவியல் (பொது) விதிகள், 2011 படி, டேங்க் லாரி பிரிவுகளின் கொள்ளளவு பிழை (MPE) 0.05% அளவுக்கு அதிகமாக இருக்கக் கூடாது.

பங்கேற்பாளர்கள்

அதிகாரிகள்: திரு ரோஹித் குமார் சிங் (செயலர்), திருமதி நிதி காரே (கூடுதல் செயலர்), திரு அனுபம் மிஸ்ரா (கூட்டு செயலர்), திரு வினித் மாதூர் (கூட்டு செயலர்), டாக்டர் ஏ.கே. சர்மா (இயக்குநர் - சட்ட அளவியல்), அனைத்து மாநிலங்களின் சட்ட அளவியல் கட்டுப்பாட்டாளர்கள்.

OMC பிரதிநிதிகள்: IOCL, HPCL, BPCL.

மற்றவர்கள்: இயந்திர உற்பத்தியாளர் பிரதிநிதிகள்.

விற்பனையாளர் சங்கங்கள்:

ராஜஸ்தான் - திரு சுனித் பகாய், திரு ராஜேந்திர பாட்டி, திரு சசாங்க் கவுராணி

உத்தரப்பிரதேசம் - திரு டி.வி. சௌதரி

டெல்லி - திரு அனுராக் நாராயண், திரு அனில் பிஜ்லானி

தமிழ்நாடு - திரு கே.பி. முரளி, திரு கே. மணிமாறன், திரு கே. ராஜ்குமார், திரு பி. செல்வராஜ், திரு டி. ஆண்ட்ரூ டொமினிக்

மகாராஷ்டிரா - திரு அனித் குப்தா

பீகார் - திரு பிரபாத் சிங்

கேரளா - திரு டாம் ஸ்காரியா, திரு ஏ.எம். சாஜி

கர்நாடகா - திரு லோகேஷ், திரு ப்ரித்விராஜ், திரு தர்னாத்

ஆந்திரா - திரு கோபாலகிருஷ்ணன், திரு நாகேஷ்வர், திரு சந்து லால்

பஞ்சாப் - திரு மான்டி சேஹல்

சிறப்பு குறிப்பு

இந்த வரலாற்றுச் சிறப்புமிக்க ஆலோசனையை ஒருங்கிணைக்க, மனம் சேர்ந்த மாநில தலைவர்கள் அனைவரும் பங்கேற்றனர். இதற்கான துவக்க முயற்சியில் TNPDA முக்கிய பங்கு வகித்தது. TNPDA முன்வைத்த பெரும்பாலான அம்சங்கள் அதிகாரபூர்வ தீர்மானங்களாக ஏற்கப்பட்டன என்பது இந்த சாதனையின் மிகப்பெரிய வெற்றி.

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Minutes of round table workshop on "measurement of petroleum products and related issues" held on 09.06.2023 under the chairmanship of Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs

A round table workshop on Measurement of petroleum products and related issues was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 09.06.2023 under the chairmanship of Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs. The list of participants of the workshop is attached at Annexure-A.

2. Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, DoCA welcomed all the participants. In his inaugural address, he stated that the Department is actively pursuing integration of technology to replace human interfaces and blockchain technology is under consideration for credential management. He stated that Department of Consumer Affairs is committed to improving the ease of doing business & protecting consumer interests and such discussions & decisions mark significant progress towards these goals.
3. He also stated that this round table workshop has been an essential step in addressing significant issues in the measurement of petroleum products and Department is confident that the proposed solutions will pave the way for significant improvements in the industry. He stated that the decisions to be taken today are crucial for the industry's future growth and for the consumers who rely on these services. Key focus of the workshop was to improve transparency and simplify business operations in the realm of Legal Metrology.
4. Smt. Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary, DoCA, provided a comprehensive overview on 'Measurement of Petroleum Products and Related Issues'. She illustrated the extensive achievements, new initiatives, and strategic operations that the Department has implemented to promote the growth of the industry within the country. In her detailed presentation, she not only shed light on the Department's successful efforts and future plans but also candidly discussed the challenges encountered in fulfilling the Department's objectives.



5. During the workshop, several crucial issues were discussed in depth, including tower calibration at terminals, tank lorry calibration carrying petroleum products, "k" factor of dispensing units, verification fees paid to the Legal Metrology Departments for verification/ stamping of dispensing units, product delivery at standard temperatures, calibration of underground tanks at retail outlets, rounding off decimal digits of dispensing units, sealing of pulsar pumps and fuel tank capacity approximation of vehicles.

6. A notable outcome of the workshop was the decision to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (CA) with OMCs, OEMs, CLMs and Petroleum Dealers Associations. The committee is tasked with discussing pending issues in detail and recommending solutions that safeguard consumer interests at large.

7. Following Resolutions were adopted during the meeting:

(i) Before calibration of Depot towers, the OMCs will notify the Petroleum Dealers Associations in advance to be present as witnesses to ensure transparency. An SOP may be prepared by Petroleum Dealers Association by 30.6.2023 to be vetted by OMCs before release.

(ii) Legal Metrology officers shall mention the "k" factor of the dispensing unit in the verification certificate to provide an extra layer of assurance about the dispenser's performance. This "k" factor is a critical number that helps in understanding the flow rate or efficiency of a fuel dispenser.

(iii) Invoices issued by OMCs for tank lorries will mention the oil temperature on real time basis and compensate it with the reference temperature of 15⁰ C. This is important because the volume of oil can change with temperature. The MPE for Vehicle Tank compartment is 0.05 Percent in Excess of the Marked Capacity of the compartment as per the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.

(iv) Automobile manufacturers to mention the safe filling capacity instead of the maximum filling capacity, which will help customers to make informed decisions and promote efficiency.

(v) The correct/ full ambient temperature range of operation/ use of dispensing unit shall be mentioned on dispensing units by OEMs.

(vi) Discussions were also held concerning:

- (a) depositing verification/ stamping fees in advance by OMCs/ dealers
 - (b) OEMs to provide rounding off in 3 digits in dispensing units
 - © sealing provisions for tamper-proof dispensing units by OEMs, all the probable sealing point should be sealed, manufacturer shall provide all the sketch/ photos to Director and Controllers of Legal Metrology, where sealing is to be done
 - (d) issue of repairing license in all States and outsourced repairing activities,
 - (e) metallic transparent cover on electronics/ keypad of dispensing unit
 - (f) use of mass flow meters on tank lorries to check the delivery at ROs
 - (g) measurement of petroleum products of tank lorries at Depot with the same technology/ device (flow meter/ dip rod) which is used for decantation at ROs
 - (h) consideration of verification of ATGs at ROs to cross check the stock in underground tanks
 - (i) to issue a guideline for use of standard LPG/ CNG testing kits
 - (j) the accuracy of tank lorry is 0.05% whereas proving measures used for calibration of tank lorries have accuracy of the order of 1%, which may be corrected.
 - (k) for under ground tanks (UGT) at ROs the stock variation may be 4 % of tank capacity for variation; calibration of underground tanks with latest technology is required.
 - (vii) Formation of a committee underscores the government's commitment to addressing the issues raised during the workshop under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (CA). By bringing together key stakeholders such as OMCs, CLMs, OEMs and Petroleum Dealers Associations, the committee aims to develop comprehensive solutions that will enhance the operational transparency and efficiency of the petroleum products industry. The committee will examine all the pending issues illustrated above and submit it's recommendations within 3 months.
8. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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New Delhi

Annexure-A

- (i) Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary (Consumer Affairs) In Chair
- (ii) Smt Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary (Consumer Affairs)
- (iii) Shri Anupam Mishra, Joint Secretary (Consumer Affairs)
- (iv) Shri Vineet Mathur, Joint Secretary (Consumer Affairs)
- (v) Dr A K Sharma, Director (Legal Metrology), DoCA
- (vi) Controller of Legal Metrology / Representatives of Government of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Meghalaya, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh etc.
- (vii) Representatives of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) (IOCL/ BPCL/ HPCL)
- (viii) Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) (Tokheim/ Tatsuno/ GVR)
- (ix) Representative of Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI) (Shri K Suresh, Head Liquid Flow Laboratory)
- (x) Representative of C-DAC (Shri Anish S)
- (xi) Presidents/ secretaries / Representatives of All Petroleum Dealers Associations of all parts of the country:

Mr. SunitBagai	Rajasthan
Mr. Anurag Narayan	Convener LMS
Mr. K.P. Murali	Tamil Nadu
Mr. K. Manimaran	Tamil Nadu
Mr.K. Rajkumar	Tamil Nadu
Mr.P. Selvaraju	Tamil Nadu
Mr. T.Andrew Dominic	Tamil Nadu
Mr. Amit Gupta	Maharashtra
Mr. Prabhat Singh	Bihar
Mr. Tom Scaria	Kerala
Mr. AM.Saji	Kerala
Mr.Lokesh	Karnataka
Mr. GKM. Prithviraj	Karnataka
Mr.Tharanath	Karnataka
Mr. Gopalakrishnan	Andhra Pradesh
Mr. M.Nageshwar Rao	Andhra Pradesh
Mr. P.Chandu Lal	Andhra Pradesh
Mr. Anil Bijlani	Delhi
Mr. Monty Sehgal	Punjab
Mr. RajendraBhati	Rajasthan
Mr.Shashank Kaurani	Rajasthan
Mr.D V Chaudhary	Uttar Pradesh

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Department of Consumer Affairs
Weights and Measures Unit

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 10.10.2023

To,

1. The Chairman cum Managing Director
BPCL/ HPCL/ IOCL
2. Controller of Legal Metrology, Government of Tamil Nadu

Subject: Payment of verification/ stamping fees directly from OMCs to Legal Metrology Department-reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer the 'Round Table Workshop' on 'Measurement of Petroleum Products' and related issues held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 09.06.2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs to improve transparency and simplify the business operations within the realm of Legal Metrology.

2. During the meeting, the issue of calibration of depot towers was raised and it was decided that an SoP will be prepared by the Petroleum Dealers Association. A copy of the SoP submitted by Petroleum Dealers Association is enclosed herewith for needful.

3. It was also clarified by Petroleum Dealers Associations that the OMC's are the owners of Outfits and Equipment installed at Retail Outlets. It was requested that the existing procedure of 'Payment and Reimbursement' of Stamping fees may be discontinued due to delay in reimbursement of such fees. The Associations informed that the amount of stamping fees is considerably huge and the Dealers have to struggle to pay the same at the last minute. At the same time the Legal Metrology officers are also put to inconvenience while planning their visits to carry out the verification.

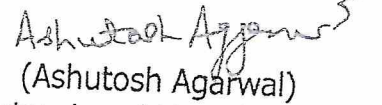
4. In the meeting it was requested that the OMC's may directly deposit the 'Stamping Fees' in advance for each of the quarter to Legal Metrology Department so that the Legal Metrology Department can plan their schedule of visits to Retail Outlets. It would also prove to be a time saving methodology for Legal Metrology Department.

5. It was suggested to initiate the said system as a 'Pilot Project' in the State of Tamil Nadu, as the database of the new online system has already been installed in Tamil Nadu and is functioning well. In this prevailing database formulated by LM Department of Tamil Nadu, no major modification is required, which may be done by the Government of Tamil Nadu. However, the updating of database in other State

may also be initiated and on its success in Tamil Nadu, the same may be implemented in other States.

6. Therefore, it is requested that the OMCs may initiate the process of depositing the verification fee online in the State of Tamil Nadu as a Pilot Project.

Yours faithfully,


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 2. Executive Director Retail - BPCL, IOCL, HPCL
 3. Controllers of Legal Metrology, all States/UTs

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As you are aware, there are large number of dispensing units installed at Petrol Pumps/ Retail Outlets for delivery of petrol/ diesel/ petroleum products. These dispensing units are periodically verified and stamped by the Legal Metrology Departments of the State Governments to ensure their accuracy.

2. In this regard, I would like to bring to your notice that various Petroleum Dealers Associations have represented to this department stating difficulties faced by them viz. payment of verification fees of dispensing units by OMCs, calibration of underground storage tanks/ tank lorries and adoption of uniform procedure for calibration of towers used for tank lorries calibration etc. A copy of the representations received is enclosed herewith for kind information.

3. In their representations and also in the meetings held with them, the Associations have requested for:

(i) The verification fees may be paid by the OMCs for verification/re-verification of dispensing units to the State Legal Metrology Departments. It may be paid manually as IGL is paying for CNG Dispensers.

(ii) Installation of flow-meters at retail outlets for decantation of petroleum products from Tank Lorries to ensure the correct quantity delivered to the RO dealers. However, as a pilot project, it may be initiated at three places namely Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi.

(iii) SoP circulated for calibration of towers used for tank lorries calibration may invariably be followed at all places.

4. I would like to request you to kindly look into the matter and issue necessary instructions to all concerned so as to ensure transparency and protect interest of all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Rohit Kumar Singh)

Shri Pankaj Jain
Secretary
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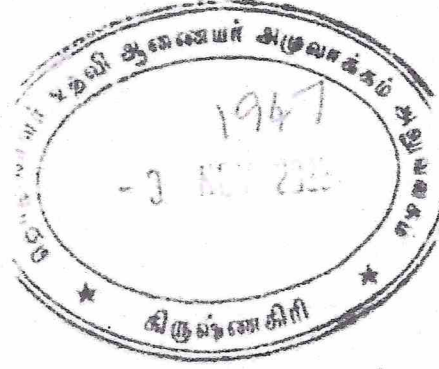
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1. Chairman, OMCs
2. All CLMs of States/ UTs
3. Petroleum Dealers Associations




(Rohit Kumar Singh)
Secretary

N2/31626/2023



O/o. Commissioner of Labour,
Chennai-6, Dated:02.11.2023.

Memorandum

Sub: Standard Operating Procedure to be followed by all terminals of Oil Marketing Companies during calibration - Reg.

Ref: GOI Letter No.I-12/17/2023-W&M, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Department of Consumer Affairs, Weights and Measures Unit, New Delhi dated: 10.10.2023.

The attention of the Assistant Commissioners of Labour (Enforcement) in the despatch entry is invited to the letter cited copy of which is sent herewith along with enclosure for information. Further it is instructed to send a copy of the Standard Operating Procedure enclosed herewith to the Deputy Inspectors of Labour concerned with necessary instructions to them in this regard.

Copy: As above

[Signature]
03/11/2023
for Principle Secretary /
Commissioner of Labour

To

Assistant Commissioners of Labour (Enforcement)
Chennai-1, Thiruvallur, Virudhunagar, Coimbatore,
Salem, Villupuram, Thirunelveli, Krishnagiri, Namakkal,
Trichy And Karur.

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3/11/23

TNPDA Achievement – Bogus Biodiesel Trade Issue (2018 onwards)

The Union Cabinet approved the National Policy on Biodiesel in 2018, a welcome initiative by the Government to encourage renewable fuel usage, reduce fossil fuel dependency, cut imports, and promote a cleaner environment. The policy also aimed to boost rural development by using Used Cooking Oil (UCO) as a potential feedstock for biodiesel, thereby preventing its diversion into the food industry. To further encourage this, additional tax incentives and higher procurement prices were offered.

However, in Tamil Nadu, many dealers reported a major problem: bogus biodiesel trade. A few individuals (not retail outlets) were illegally selling contaminated and substandard products in the name of biodiesel. These were distributed through mobile tankers at rates much lower than market prices. Unsuspecting consumers, attracted by the low price, purchased this adulterated fuel.

This malpractice badly affected our members (dealers), as it directly diverted sales and damaged consumer trust. Recognizing the seriousness of the issue, Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association (TNPDA) immediately represented the matter to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, New Delhi.

Based on our representation, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas issued a strong circular letter to all Chief Secretaries of States and also marked a copy to the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), directing strict enforcement against illegal biodiesel trade.

Both the Ministry's letter and the OMC communication stand as proof of our persistent efforts. This intervention successfully protected our members' business interests and ensured regulatory vigilance against unscrupulous elements.

□ Its is yet another significant Achievement of TNPDA in safeguarding dealers from unfair and illegal practices.

தமிழ்நாடு பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கத்தின் சாதனை –
போலி பயோ டீசல் விற்பனை (2018 முதல்)

2018 ஆம் ஆண்டில் மத்திய அமைச்சரவை, நாட்டின் பயோ டீசல் கொள்கையை அங்கீகரித்தது. இது புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிபொருள் பயன்பாட்டை ஊக்குவிப்பதில், பாசிச எரிபொருள் சார்பை குறைப்பதில், இறக்குமதி செலவை குறைப்பதில், சுத்தமான சூழலை உருவாக்குவதிலும், கிராமப்புற வளர்ச்சிக்கும் உதவியாக இருந்தது. குறிப்பாக, பயன்படுத்தப்பட்ட சமையல் எண்ணெய் (UCO) மூலம் பயோ டீசல் தயாரிப்பு மேற்கொள்ளப்படுவதால், அது உணவு தொழில்களில் மீண்டும் பயன்படுத்தப்படுவதை தடுக்கிறது. இதை ஊக்குவிக்க கூடுதல் வரி சலுகைகள் மற்றும் அதிகமான கொள்முதல் விலைகளும் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

ஆனால் தமிழ்நாட்டில் பல மாவட்டங்களில் போலி பயோ டீசல் விற்பனை பெரும் பிரச்சனையாக உருவானது. சில اشش (விற்பனை நிலையங்கள் அல்லாதவர்கள்) தரமற்ற மற்றும் கலப்படமான பொருட்களை “பயோ டீசல்” என்ற பெயரில், மொபைல் டேங்கர் மூலம் குறைந்த விலையில் விற்பனை செய்யத் தொடங்கினர். குறைந்த விலையில் கிடைக்கிறது என்ற ஆசையில் சில நுகர்வோர் இந்த பொருளை வாங்கினர்.

இதனால் எங்கள் சங்க உறுப்பினர்களுக்கு (டீலர்களுக்கு) கடுமையான பாதிப்பு ஏற்பட்டது. உடனடியாக, தமிழ்நாடு பெட்ரோலிய விற்பனையாளர்கள் சங்கம் (TNPDA), புதியதில்லி பெட்ரோலிய மற்றும் இயற்கை எரிவாயு அமைச்சகத்தின் கூட்டு செயலரிடம் இந்த பிரச்சனையை எடுத்துரைத்தது.

எங்கள் மனுவின் அடிப்படையில், பெட்ரோலிய மற்றும் இயற்கை எரிவாயு அமைச்சகம், அனைத்து மாநில முதன்மைச் செயலர்களுக்கும் கடும் எச்சரிக்கை சுற்றறிக்கை எழுதியது. அதேசமயம் எண்ணெய் நிறுவனங்களுக்கும் நகல் அனுப்பப்பட்டது, போலி பயோ டீசல் விற்பனையை கட்டுப்படுத்த கடுமையான நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமாறு.

இரண்டு கடிதங்களும் (அமைச்சகமும் + OMC-களும் அனுப்பியவை) எங்கள் திடமான முயற்சிகளுக்கான சான்றாக நிற்கின்றன. இதன் மூலம் எங்கள் உறுப்பினர்கள் வணிக நலன்கள் பாதுகாக்கப்பட்டதுடன், சட்ட விரோதமாக செயல்படும் நபர்கள் மீது கண்காணிப்பும் வலுவாக்கப்பட்டது.

• இது எங்கள் உறுப்பினர்களை அநியாயமான மற்றும் சட்டவிரோதமான செயல்களில் இருந்து காப்பாற்றிய, TNPDA-வின் இன்னொரு முக்கிய சாதனை ஆகும்.



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To
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Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
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Sub: *Bogus biodiesel trade – request for probe into*

Sir,

The Union Cabinet approved the National Policy on Biofuels in 2018. This was a welcome initiative by the government in terms of encouraging the use of renewable fuel options, in the process cutting down on the use of fossil fuels. It seeks to reduce import dependency, facilitate a cleaner environment, gets farmers a better deal even during seasons of surplus production, and encourages investment for infrastructure development in rural areas. As used cooking oil is a potential feedstock for biodiesel, its use to make biodiesel will prevent its diversion in the food industry for reuse. Additional tax incentives and higher procurement prices have been offered.

Indeed, biofuels are of strategic importance in India as it aligns with several ongoing initiatives of the government such as Make in India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and Skill Development. The policy offers significant opportunities to meet the ambitious targets of doubling farmers' incomes, reduce imports, boost employment generation, and use waste to create wealth.

However, the Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association would like to draw the kind attention of the Union government that a few people (not retail outlets, through small tankers/ bowsers) are selling in the name of biodiesel, contaminated and inferior material that does not meet the standards set. Some unscrupulous elements are selling products through tankers at rates that are lower than the market rates. Some consumers, lured by these rates, are purchasing the product,

Such activity is vocative of the Central Excise and VAT and GST rules, among others, and affects the legal trade. The deleterious effects of such bogus products on vehicle engines are noticed eventually, but by then it is often too late.

There ought to an investigation by the Central government, possibly through the Central Bureau of Investigation, into this illegal activity, which is evidently backed by an organized network of suppliers and distributors – who are also generating unaccounted money in the process. The originating points of the material need to be identified first. To avoid these illegal activities, Petroleum Ministry can instruct, Public Sector Undertakings Companies to market the product to maintain the SOP. We look forward to appropriate action.

Thanking You

PRESIDENT, TNPDA.

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D.O No P-13027(15)/11/2018- CC (P-27362)

27th August 2020

Dear

You may be aware that this Ministry has issued notification dated 30.04.2019 on the subject "Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019" (copy enclosed).

Point no (x) of the said Guidelines states that State Government authorities shall have the power to carry out regular inspections of the retail outlets selling biodiesel to ensure that the biodiesel is being made available to the customer in the right quality and quantity, and is not being sold as a standalone fuel for transportation purposes.

Furthermore, point no (xii) of the said guidelines states that to ensure that the Retail Outlets of Biodiesel are selling only Biodiesel conforming to BIS Standards State Government officials are empowered to inspect, search and seize unauthorized and unscrupulous Biodiesel manufacturing plants, the storage and distribution units and Retail Outlets.

The above mentioned notification was sent to all States/ UTs vide this Ministry's Letter dated 06.05.2019 (copy enclosed) for taking appropriate action.

Recently this ministry has received several complaints regarding sale of unauthorized product in the name of Biodiesel for transportation and industrial purposes. This unauthorized sale of product is not only a safety hazard but also a revenue loss to Central/State Governments by way of various taxes.

I therefore, request you to look into the matter and issue necessary directions to curb the menace of such unauthorized sale.

Encl. As above

Yours sincerely,


(Sunil Kumar)

To,
Chief Secretaries/Administrators,
All the States and Union Territories.

Copy to:
Director Marketing, IOCL/BPCL/HPCL: For information and appropriate action.

Speed Post

I-2/11/2023-W&M Section
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
Weights and Measures Unit
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 13.12.2023

To,
The HoO & Professor,
IILM Ranchi

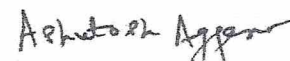
Subject: Training of Retail Outlet Petroleum Dealers of Tamil Nadu State at IILM, Ranchi- reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your proposal dated 06.11.2023 for the training of Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association, Trichy's 18 member dealers in handling law of dispensing pumps inspection, Tank Lorry Inspection, Legal Metrology Rules, Tank Lorry Calibration, Flow Meter Calibration etc. at IILM, Ranchi.

2. The schedule, training fees, etc. of the program is approved by the competent authority.
3. Therefore, it is requested to start the training program as per the requirement of petroleum dealers at the earliest.

Yours faithfully


(Ashutosh Agarwal)

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Copy to: Shri K.P. Murali, President Tamilnadu Petroleum Dealers Association, Trichy for kind information.

TNPDA MEETING WITH PETROLEUM MINISTER Shri DHARMENDRA PRADHAN
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SECRETARY - MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS - GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER STUDIES OF THE CHILDREN OF DEALERS STAFF IN PURSUING
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DEVELOPMENT



TNPDA MEETING WITH IOCL ED - CHENNAI

When the new ED of IOCL, assumed charge, Representatives of TNPDA met him formally,
We extended greetings and welcomed him to his new position



DIRECTOR LEGAL TECHNOLOGY - NEW DELHI. MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 2024

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DIRECTOR LEGAL METROLOGY - 2023



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