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Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

The Director (Mkt)
IOC/BPCL/HPCL
Mumbai

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Subject: Exclusion of higher income groups from the LPG Subsidy

Sir,

This is in connection with the implementation of decision vide letter dated 28.12.2015 for excluding LPG consumers from the purview of subsidy, for those who (or whose spouse) have taxable income of more than 10 lakhs. In this connection, to operationalise the decision, OMCs are advised that :

(a) OMCs already have a list of nearly 3 lakh LPG consumers whose income has been confirmed to be above 10 lakhs by the Income Tax Department. These consumers may be approached with the self-declaration form and their subsidy blocked after the form is signed.

(b) For top 10 metros of the country, where most of the high income tax payers are residing, a suitable question may be built in the IVRS/ SMS platforms for ascertaining the income status of the LPG consumers. During telephonic calls also for refills, this may be done. However, while implementing, due care may be taken that the BPL consumers and urban poor should not be forced to give such a declaration and the purpose should be to target higher income sections of the society while faking such declaration through IVRS/SMS/ telephone. This facility may be initially operationalised in top metropolitan cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Chandigarh.

2. An Action Taken Report in the matter may be sent to this Ministry by 12.2.2016.

Yours faithfully

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