OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Review of guidelines for granting market authorization to market transportation fuels to oil companies - reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that it has been decided to constitute an Expert Committee to look at the various issues related to implementation of existing guidelines for grant of market authorization to market fuels i.e MS/HSD/ATF issued vide Govt. of India Resolution dated 08.03.2002. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

(a) Dr. Kirit Parikh, renowned Economist;
(b) Shri G.C. Chaturvedi, retd. Secretary, Petroleum;
(c) Shri M.A. Pathan, retd. Chairman, IOC;
(d) Director, IIM Ahmedabad;
(e) Joint Secretary (Marketing) – Member Secretary of the Committee

2. The Committee will furnish its report within 60 days after due consultations with stakeholders. The terms of reference of the Expert Committee are given below:

(a) Review the existing architecture and extent of private sector participation in retail marketing of major transportation fuels in the country;
(b) Identity entry barriers, if any, for expansion of retail outlets for private marketing companies;
(c) To assess the need, if any, to further liberalize the existing Guidelines for authorization of private sector marketing companies;
(d) To make specific recommendations on the nature of amendments, if required.
(e) Any other recommendations as deemed fit by the Committee.

3. Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PFAC) will provide all Secretarial assistance to the Expert Committee. The expenditure towards TA/DA, sitting fee etc. will be borne by PPAC.

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To,

1. All members of the Expert Committee.
2. DG, PPAC