

**13 injured in LPG cylinder explosion in Delhi**

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Thirteen people were injured, one of them critically, in the S-Block of Sultanpuri area in Delhi on Friday after an LPG cylinder burst following leakage of gas. All the injured, suffering from mild to severe burn injuries, were admitted to Sanjay Gandhi hospital. said.

Many of the injured are children and youngsters, who were there to attend a family function when the cylinder burst due to gas leakage, the official said.

The cylinder burst in a room in a building located at S-Block, 80 SZ, yard plot, Sultanpuri, Delhi, he said.

**Delhi govt. cracks down on illegal sale of LPG cylinders**

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Coming down heavily on unauthorised sale of cooking gas (LPG) cylinders and that of illegal non-standardised small-sized cylinders here, the Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department of the Delhi Government on Thursday conducted raids across the city.

officials conducted raids on at least 162 premises across the city. Even as raids continued late in the night, illegal trade of cooking gas was detected at 34 places.

of LPG from big to small cylinders at 34 sites. While 315 LPG cylinders were seized, 34 FIRs were registered against the violators under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. One such premises has been sealed as well," an official said.

While people often complain of illegal sale of 14.5 kg LPG cylinders in the black market, establishments selling 5-kg cylinders have mushroomed in the residential colonies across the city.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Control Order 2000 issued under the Essential Commodities Act-1955 bans unauthorised possession, supply and consumption of LPG, as well as unauthorised storage and transport of LPG. There is also ban on the sale and distribution of LPG cylinders below or in excess of the standard weight.

Raids were conducted in areas including Kishanganj, Sadar Bazar, Regarpura, Mahipalpur, Kapashehara, Dabri, Uttam Nagar, Dakshinpuri, Govindpuri, Rahgubir Nagar, Khyala, Mayapuri, Nangloi, Kotla Mubarakpur, Sarojini Nagar, Azadpur, Wazirpur, Shakur Basti, Burari, Shahbad Daultatpur, Rithala, Sultanpur, Padam Singh Road and Jwala Nagar.

### Delhi govt lodges 35 FIRs over illegal sale of LPG cylinders

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The action was taken during raids carried out by the Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs to check sale of underweight LPG cylinders, small-sized illegal cylinders and use of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial activities. This is the third raid conducted across the city, said S S Yadav, Commissioner (Food & Supplies).

"Teams today raided 53 LPG agencies and found irregularities like sale of underweight LPG cylinders, non-carrying of weighing machine with the delivery vehicle, use of uncertified weighing machine by the delivery boy and non-display of verification certificate for the weighing machine.

"Besides, more than 350 premises were also raided to check sale of illegal small-size cylinders and use of domestic cylinders for commercial purposes.

In total, 35 FIRs have been lodged against the culprits by the raiding teams and 60 illegal LPG cylinder have been seized," Yadav said.

He said Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order 2000 issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 bans unauthorised possession, supply and consumption of LPG, as well as unauthorized storage and transport of LPG.

The business of filling LPG in small cylinders from big cylinders is very dangerous and may lead to explosions and fire accidents, Yadav said. dangerous. Such premises also abet siphoning off of LPG from the domestic gas cylinders and cheating of consumers by supplying underweight cylinders. On conviction, the accused may face imprisonment upto a period of 7 years," he said.

In the last two months, 1,000 premises were raided. As many as 800 LPG cylinders were seized and 95 FIRs have been lodged by the department.

Areas where raids were conducted include Timarpur, Modal Town, Burari, Azadpur, Narela, Bawana, Sultanpur, Badli, Mundka, Okhla, Lajpat Nagar, Ashram, Munikra (R K Puram), Vasant Kunj, Chhatarpur, Kapashera, Mayur Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Trilok puri, Kalyan puri, Seemapuri, Yamuna Vihar, Karol Bagh, Shastri Nagar, Chandani Chowk and Mangolpuri.

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LPG blast victims can claim insurance from oil company TNN | Apr 2, 2015, 02.05 AM IST

VISHAKHAPATNAM: Reports of accidents involving LPG cylinders are increasingly becoming commonplace in domestic households across the country. But, did you know that as a consumer, you can claim insurance for damages caused by LPG cylinder blasts?

LPG consumers of PSU oil companies such as Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), can claim personal accident cover to the tune of Rs 5 lakh per person per event. In addition to this, they can claim Rs 15 lakh as medical expenses per event, with maximum claim of Rs 1 lakh per person. At the same time, consumers can claim Rs 1 lakh per event for damages caused to property.

However, civil society groups allege that victims often fail to claim insurance due to lack of publicity about the insurance policy by the oil PSUs.

"The insurance policy taken by oil companies is good for consumers. But the oil PSUs also need to improve awareness among the public. In fact, even though insurance cover is available, it is usually the state government that gives compensation to the victims, while oil PSUs are paying such a high insurance premium. What is the use if the public is not made aware of this provision?"

Pointing out that even gas dealers are not aware of this provision, Vistarana Mass Communication Society vice-president Korikana Sujatha Prasad said, "Victims have to fight for a long time to receive the insurance amount even if they submit their claims."

Citing the example of a cylinder blast in Vizag in December last year, she said, "The main problem is that victims are not aware of the insurance policy. The kin of the victims were not aware of the policy, but after we briefed them about it, they filed claims and were able to get some financial relief."

but what happens in case of rural households? Who will inform them?" she added.

When TOI posed an RTI query to oil PSUs, HPCL was the only one to share data. The oil major said the number of reported LPG accidents involving HPCL cylinders has increased from 33 in 2013-14 fiscal to 68 in 2014-15 fiscal (April 2014 to January 2015). Even the fatalities due to LPG accidents has shot up from 23 to 37 during the same period while the number of injured persons has increased from 56 to 159.

However, surprisingly, the insurance payment given by HPCL to victims has reduced from Rs 38.35 lakh in 2013-14 to Rs 37.17 lakh in 2014-15.



for not sharing information on accidents and insurance paid to victims of cylinder blasts. While IOCL said, "Details of accidents in which subsequent bursting of cylinder took place/ compensation are not maintained separately, hence the same is beyond the purview of Sec 2(f) of RTI Act 2005." BPCL, in a three-page reply, said that a separate RTI application has to be made to a separate official.

### **Illegal sale of LPG cylinders continues unabated**

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Anantnag: Illegal refilling of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is turning out to be a highly profitable business in the Anantnag District and those involved in the illegal trade mint doubles the profit. The activity increases during winters in Kashmir, mostly in towns and cities.

LPG is illegally transferred from a cooking gas cylinder to any other cylinder for domestic and commercial purposes. The district authorities are aware of the illegal practice in the town but nothing concrete has been done so far.

From LPG delivery vendors to roadside motor mechanics, LPG-fitted vehicle owners, dhaba's, hotels, restaurants and fast food joints, every other person is equipped with tools to refill the fuel.

"It is an irony that while a common man is not given a single cylinder, the dealers manage to get 10 to 15 cylinders." Abdulul Hameed, a consumer told Kashmir observer. "Actual price of a gas cylinder is Rs 434, but black marketers sell it at exorbitant rates."

"As people have no other option and there is no other alternative to the cooking purpose, they pay more," he added.

The use of domestic gas for commercial purpose goes unabated in the city and no one is held accountable for it though it goes against the rules set by Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

"A good number of government offices in Anantnag are now using domestic gas cylinders for heating purpose," Ghulam Hassan, a consumer told.

"Why the CAPD is not taking steps to prevent such misuse of the LPG," he questioned.

told gas distributors to maintain record of every cylinder they receive from fuel companies," he said. "Our officials are conducting random checks. The agencies should be able to furnish details during the checks. Failure to furnish details or those found with unaccounted for cylinders could face strong action."

residential societies and private places in illegal manner. He said that they have received complaints from citizens about stocking of gas cylinders in private areas. As per rules, stocking of cylinders is allowed only at the authorized sheds/godowns having necessary safety measures and security arrangements.