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M.S.SRINIVASAN
Additional Secretary.

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Government of India,
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001

D.O.No.P-17011/2/04-Mkt.

14.12.2004.

Dear Shri Jacob,

As you are aware, domestic LPG is heavily subsidized by the Central Government. During the past year, it has been observed that the consumption of LPG in the country has increased abnormally and it is suspected to be primarily on account of diversion and unauthorized use of domestic LPG cylinders in hotels, other commercial establishments and, particularly, in vehicles.

2. The use of subsidized LPG (domestic cylinder) for any purpose other than domestic, is illegal in terms of the LPG (Regulation of Supply & Distribution) order, 2000 similarly, use of replaceable, domestic LPG cylinders in vehicles is not allowed in terms of LPG (Regulation of use in Motor Vehicles) order 2001. Yet it is noticed that a large number of vehicles are using domestic LPG cylinders for auto fuel purposes and local transport authorities and other enforcement agencies are not taking effective steps to control this malpractice. It may also be mentioned here that use of domestic LPG cylinders for the auto usage not only increases the burden of subsidy on Central Government but is also clearly hazardous for the safety of public.

3. While Oil Marketing Companies IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and IBP are being advised to launch a media campaign to educate the public about safety and other considerations to prevent misuse, I request you to please impress upon the concerned District Authorities to start a regular campaign against diversion of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial and auto purposes to avoid unnecessary loss to the national exchequer and to safeguard the public at large.

4. I shall be grateful for a line in confirmation in this regard.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

(M.S.Srinivasan)

Shri.B.Jacob,
Chief Secretary,
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Copy forwarded to All Deputy Transport Commissioners, Regional Transport Officers & Lt. Regional Transport Officers, for Strict compliance and report action taken within a fortnight.

Sd/-

Sr.D.T.C. (Taxation),
for Transport Commissioner.

Approved for Issue,