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To

The Director(Marketing), IOC/HPC/BPC, Mumbai,

Sub: Special Scheme for allotment of retail outlet dealerships/ LPG distributorships

Sir.

I am directed to say that allotment of retail outlet dealerships approved in favour of the dependants of the Kargil martyrs under the Special Scheme (Operation Vijay – Kargil), which are meant for commissioning in Leh and Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir, could not be set up so far due to non-availability of suitable land. It has also been observed that the allottees are not interested to come outside the State, or precisely, outside Leh and Ladakh.

- 2. The entire matter, including insistence by the allottees on ROs in Leh and Ladakh region only, notwithstanding the commercial viability factor, the chances of acquisition of suitable land in near future and the likely difficulty in construction activities (of ROs) during the period October-April due to hostile climatic conditions, has been considered in this Ministry, and the following decision has been taken:-
- (i) Since throughput per RO in Leh and Ladakh region may not be much after all the proposed ROs are set up, oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., IOC, HPC and BPC, as the case may be, may set up low-cost ROs at Leh / Ladakh in favour of the pending LOI-holders under the Special Scheme. Such ROs can also be allowed, if the dealers so desire and subject to local permission, if any, to provide for, at dealer's cost, small non-oil provision stores, which will not only help the locality but will also add to the revenue earning of the dealer.
- (ii) Since there could be delay in allotment of land by the local administration and that the region is likely to become inaccessible during October-April, the OMCs should consider moving the minimum facilities / equipments, required for setting up low-cost RO, to Leh and Ladakh well before October, so that immediately after getting the land and the NOCs, they can set up the facilities notwithstanding the hard days, provided labour becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

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