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Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 23rd August, 2005.

To

Director(Marketing),
IOC/HPC/BPC/IBP.

Executive Director,
IOC(AOD).

Sub: Allotment of dealerships/distributorships to Freedom Fighters.

Sir,

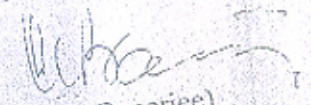
I am directed to say that a Parliament Question has been received by the Ministry with regard to pending applications from the Freedom Fighters for allotment of dealerships/distributorships and speedy disposal of the applications. Earlier also, a suggestion was received for constitution of a consultative committee in the Ministry, with prominent veteran freedom fighters as members, to facilitate early disposal of the cases of freedom fighters. This Ministry has, however, not agreed to formation of any such committee in the Ministry.

2. Notwithstanding above, this Ministry feels that there is need to expedite allotment of dealerships/ distributorships, earmarked for the freedom fighters in the various marketing plans. It is true that allotment of dealerships/distributorships to freedom fighters, and for that matter to all other categories, involves various stages like advertisement of locations, scrutiny of applications, formation of selection committees, interview of the candidates, field verification of the selected candidates, obtaining of land and other approvals / licences, construction, etc., and thus the whole process takes some time. In spite of all these, it is desirable that the oil marketing companies make earnest efforts to complete all such process in a strict time-bound manner so that the dealerships/distributorships, meant for freedom fighters, could be allotted to them, and then made operational without delay. It is all the more necessary, because, as compared to other categories, the freedom fighters are now at an advanced stage of age and, further, dependants of freedom fighters are not eligible for dealerships/distributorships reserved for freedom fighters. Therefore, the very purpose of keeping a reservation for the freedom fighters will get defeated if the allotment cannot be made to the freedom fighters during their life time.

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3. In view of above, the oil marketing companies are requested to review all the pending cases of selection/allotment/setting up of dealerships/distributorships reserved for freedom fighters and take expeditious action to make these dealerships/distributorships operational.

Yours faithfully,


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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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