

Most Immediate

No.P-19012/278/2002-IOC(Cell)
Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 16 January, 2003.

To

The Chairman, -
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.,
New Delhi.

The Chairman & Managing Director,
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
Mumbai

The Chairman & Managing Director,
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
Mumbai.

The Managing Director,
IBP Co. Limited,
Kolkata

**Sub : Review of allotments from January 2000 onwards of retail outlets,
LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. P-19011/4/2002-IOC dated the 9th August, 2002 on the above subject cancelling allotments of retail outlet dealerships/ LPG distributorships/ SKO-LDO dealerships made on the recommendations of the Dealer Selection Boards from January 2000, and Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated the 20th December, 2002 in Transferred Case(C) No.80 of 2002 [with Transferred Case (c) Nos.81 to 88/2002, 90/2002 & 91/2002, I.A. Nos.246-2556 in TP(C)No.417-423/2002 and with T.C.(C)Nos.100-109 of 2002].

2. In view of the above mentioned Judgement of the Court, you are advised as follows: -

- (i) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) should take further action in respect of the selections made by the DSBS, except in the cases highlighted in the media (Indian Express), as if the order dated the 9th August 2002 were not made/issued by the Government.

- (ii) In respect of the 413 cases referred to the Two-Judge Committee by the Court vide its above mentioned Judgement of 20th December 2002, interim arrangement ordered by the Court vide its earlier Order dated 28th August 2002 would continue to apply till further orders of the Court. The said interim Order of 28th August 2002 of the Court would also apply to such cases referred to the Two-Judge Committee in which select panels were published but letters of intent were not issued.
- (iii) In respect of the action to be taken by OMCs in the cases highlighted in the media (Indian Express) other than the 413 cases referred to the Two Judge Committee, you will be advised separately.

3. Any communication issued by the oil companies to any allottee/applicant in pursuance of this letter should clearly state that it (communication) is subject to the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Yours faithfully,


(Shivraj Singh)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

16/11/2003