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डीजल के दाम में तीसरे दिन 21 पैसे की कटौती

नई दिल्ली। सरकारी तेल कंपनियों ने शनिवार को डीजल के दाम देश के चार बड़े महानगरों में 20 से 21 पैसे प्रति लीटर तक घटाए। जबकि पेट्रोल की कीमत स्थिर रही। इससे पहले गुरुवार और शुक्रवार को दोनों ईंधन के दाम कम हुए थे। पिछले तीन दिनों में डीजल करीब 80 पैसे सस्ता हो चुका है।

इंडियन आयल के अनुसार आज दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 81.14 पर स्थिर रहा जबकि डीजल 20 पैसे सस्ता होकर 71.82 रुपये प्रति लीटर रह गया। मुंबई में पेट्रोल 87.82 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर टिका रहा और डीजल 21 पैसे कम होकर 78.27 रुपये प्रति लीटर रह गया।

पेट्रोल-डीजल पर उत्पाद शुल्क घटाए केंद्र : बृजेश गोयल

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : चैंबर ऑफ ट्रेड एंड इंडस्ट्री (सीटीआइ) के चेयरमैन बृजेश गोयल ने केंद्र सरकार से पेट्रोल व डीजल से उत्पाद शुल्क में कटौती की मांग की है। इसको लेकर उन्होंने केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण और केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान को पत्र लिखा है। उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्र पेट्रो पदार्थ से उत्पाद शुल्क घटाए, ताकि जनता को ऊंचे दामों से कुछ राहत मिल सके। कोविड-19 के दौर में हर किसी की आर्थिक स्थिति गड़बड़ा गई है। ऐसे में सरकार को इस दिशा में पहल करनी चाहिए। कोरोना काल में सरकार ने पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम बढ़ा दिए थे। अब लोग हवाई जहाज, रेल और बस जैसे सार्वजनिक वाहनों में यात्रा करने से बच रहे हैं और वे अपने निजी वाहनों से आवाजाही कर रहे हैं। इससे लोगों की जेब पर असर पड़ रहा है। कारखानों और फैक्ट्रियों में भी इनका इस्तेमाल होता है, जिसका अर्थव्यवस्था पर असर पड़ता है।

उन्होंने बताया कि पिछले दिनों दिल्ली सरकार ने डीजल से वैट दर 30



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कोरोना के दौर में हर किसी की आर्थिक स्थिति गड़बड़ा गई है। ऐसे में सरकार को इस दिशा में पहल करनी चाहिए।

फीसद से घटाकर 16.84 फीसद कर दिया है, जिससे उपभोक्ताओं को करीब आठ रुपये प्रति लीटर फायदा पहुंचा। इसी तरह की पहल केंद्र सरकार को भी करनी चाहिए, क्योंकि उत्पाद शुल्क कम करने का मसला उसी के हाथ में है। गोयल ने कहा कि दिल्ली में पेट्रोल का डीलर मूल्य करीब 25 रुपये है, जिस पर केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क 32.98 रुपये प्रति लीटर है। जबकि डीजल पर डीलर मूल्य करीब 27 रुपये है, जिस पर केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क 31.83 रुपये प्रति लीटर है।

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NEW DELHI: The issue of continuation of cooking gas subsidy will be considered before inviting financial bids for BPCL privatisation, Parliament was informed on Saturday.

However, the interest of LPG customers of BPCL would be taken into consideration while deciding on the subsidy issue, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

The government is selling its entire 52.98 per cent stake in India's second largest fuel retailer and third biggest oil refiner.

Preliminary expressions of interest or EoIs are due on



September 30, which will be followed by qualified bidders being asked to submit financial or price bids.

Thakur said the BPCL transaction is expected to be complete in the current financial year.

To a query on whether the

cooking gas subsidy will continue after the privatisation of BPCL, he said "The issue of continuation of cooking gas subsidy will be considered before inviting financial bids, taking into consideration the interests of LPG gas customers of BPCL".

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