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NOTICE ISSUED IN PUBLIC INTEREST - BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS

It has come to our notice that unauthorized individuals are misrepresenting the PSU Oil Company names, - viz., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (OMCs) to fraudulently offer LPG distributorships on behalf of these 3 OMCs.

It involves unexpected email, SMS, letter or call misrepresenting that it is made on behalf of OMCs advising about award/grant of LPG distributorship. The fraudster will invariably request an advance fee or deposition of money for registration on a website to confirm the distributorship allotment.

Public is advised to visit ONLY official secured websites of OMCs i.e. <https://www.locl.com>, <https://www.hindustanpetroleum.com>, <https://www.bharatpetroleum.com>, <https://www.ebharatgas.com> or <https://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in> for authentic and official information. OMCs have not appointed any person on their behalf for selection/appointment of LPG distributors across the country, nor they have authorized any person to solicit any money whatsoever from any candidate at any stage of the selection process.

How to Detect Scams:

- OMC officials do not communicate via generic email addresses such as Gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo, etc. nor through WhatsApp. All communications will always originate from a verifiable e-mail address of OMCs or [lpgvitarakchayan.in](https://www.lpgvitarakchayan.in) and not from any free web based email accounts.
- All Locations advertized for setting up of LPG Distributorships by OMCs are notified in major newspapers of the concerned State.
- Individuals, who are successful in gaining an offer of distributorship from OMCs, are always required to go through a formal Online registration process and notification regarding selection is done through www.lpgvitarakchayan.in portal.
- Any intimation about Online Computerized Draw or Field Verification of Credentials will be through the authorized email ID i.e. :- no-reply@lpgvitarakchayan.in
- During LPG distributorship selection process, the candidate will, in general, meet authorized OMC employee in person at the OMC office (for verification of credentials) before any formal offer is made.
- Fraudsters communicate only via email and telephone with reluctance or a refusal to meet in person.
- Fraudsters ask targets to respond quickly or risk missing out on the offer.

Action to be taken regarding such scams

- Report the incident to the local Police Station.
- Contact nearby OMC office about any suspected scams perpetrated using the name of any of OMCs.

DISCLAIMER: OMCs shall not be responsible for content of any information nor shall they be liable for any conclusion, loss or damage of any nature whatsoever suffered or may be suffered by members of the public arising from or as a result of reliance on or usage of any information from portals, websites or e-mail domains or by dealing with imposters/persons not authorized by OMCs.

