



# Delhi government turns the heat on LPG thieves

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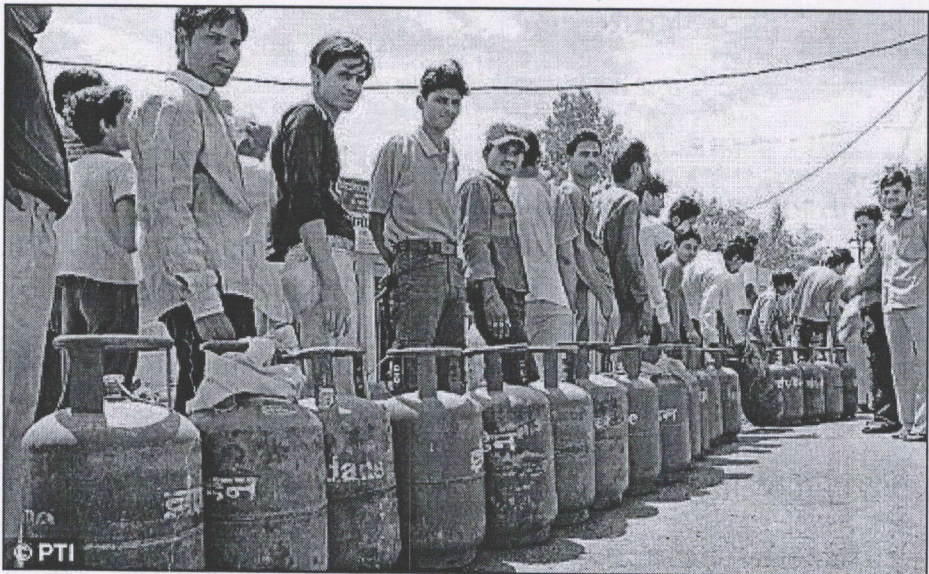
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The Delhi government has started cracking down on black marketing of domestic LPG cylinders in the city. The enforcement wing of the food and supplies department raided an illegal godown in outer Delhi and seized 64 cylinders.

'Enforcement department officials conducted the raid and an FIR has been registered with the local police. We seized cylinders, nozzles and weighing machines from the place.

The local police are investigating the matter,' S.S. Kanawat, special commissioner (enforcement), said.



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hand in glove with the black-marketeers.

'Many dhabas and small eateries use domestic cylinders for commercial purposes. This is illegal. Raids will continue to stop the black marketing of cylinders,' an official said.

Delhi residents are facing a tough time keeping the fire in their kitchens burning because of a spurt in the black marketing of LPG cylinders after the central government imposed a cap on the number of subsidised cylinders for domestic use at six per financial year.

The cost of every additional cylinder will depend on the prevailing market price. Many people are purchasing cylinders from the black market at Rs 1,200-1,300 per cylinder.



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