

PRESS NOTE

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Islamabad: OGRA has imposed a ban on the use of CNG in PSV's (public service vehicles) keeping in view the safety of public life and property. All stakeholders are expected to comply with the decision in its letter and spirit.

The school vans which are private vehicles are not allowed using CNG as fuel and cylinders installed therein to ensure safety of innocent children in pursuance of Sindh Government notification as well as Honourable Sindh High Court Order dated 19-6-2019 in Constitutional petition No. C.P. Nos.D-7529/2018, 280&597/2019 wherein the Honourable court has directed that the District implementation committees shall perform their responsibilities diligently in accordance with the terms of reference mentioned in the notification to avoid any untoward incident / accidents.

All Provincial Governments as well as IG Motorways Police are therefore also advised to start crackdown against all PSV's having CNG cylinders installed inside the passenger's compartments with a view to saving precious lives of innocent passengers travelling in such PSV's.

It is pertinent to mention that LPG cylinders are completely banned in transport vehicles. Any vehicle found with LPG cylinders shall also be dealt accordingly by the law enforcement agencies.

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No. OGRA-CNG-18(4)/19
July 17, 2019

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Chairman, Punjab Provincial Transport Authority,
Transport House, 11-A Egerton Road,
Lahore

Subject: **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPLETE BAN ON USE OF CNG/LPG AS FUEL IN PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES/ VANS**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. PTA-TAI-CNG-2018/19 dated 12-6-2019 & 19-6-2019 and concur with the concerns of the Transport Department regarding fire accidents /incidents in PSVs specially in Hiace vans (vintage/new) owing inability to check and verify each and every PSV operating on intra and intercity routes. In order to ensure safety of passengers and to avoid unpleasant incidents / accidents, this Authority hereby conveys its concurrence to the proposal made in the letter regarding ban of CNG/LPG as fuel and installation of gas cylinders (CNG/LPG) in all public service vehicles (PSVs) and thus request the Punjab Provincial Transport Authority (PPTA) to rigorously enforce its law (Rule 199 of MV Rules, 1969) and immediately ensure removal of CNG cylinders from inside of all PSVs plying on roads along with cancellation of route permits, if found in violation. MVEs / RTAs not to validate/ declare fitness if the CNG cylinder (which is also a fuel tank as per MV Rules 1969) is installed inside a PSV. The school vans which are private vehicles in no case be allowed using CNG as fuel and cylinders installed therein to ensure safety of innocent children. OGRA's Enforcement Department letter No. OGRA-23(152)/2011-Enf dated 26-9-2013 also stands withdrawn being in conflict with MV rules 1969.

2. All Provincial Governments as well as IG Motorways Police are therefore also requested to start crackdown against all PSVs having CNG cylinders installed inside the passenger's compartments with a view to saving precious lives of innocent passengers travelling in such PSVs.

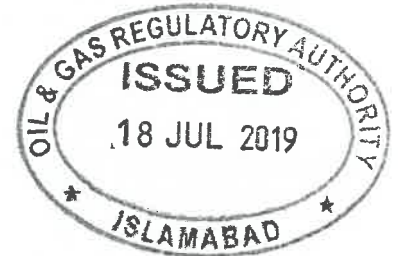
3. This issues with the approval of the Authority.



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Joint Executive Director (CNG)
For & on behalf of
Oil and Gas regulatory Authority (OGRA), Islamabad

Cc:

1. All provincial Chief Secretaries.
2. Chief Secretary, AJK
3. Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Petroleum Division Islamabad
4. Chief Inspector of Explosives, M/o Industries
5. All Inspectors General (IG) Police /IG Motorway Police.
6. DG HDIP Islamabad
7. CNG Associations (To ensure strict compliance with the directives).





✓ Annex - IV

No. PTA-TAI-CNG-2018/19
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN,
PUNJAB PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY,
TRANSPORT HOUSE, 11-A EGERTON ROAD, LAHORE

Dated Lahore, the 12th June, 2019

To

- ✓ 1. The Chairperson,
Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority,
Islamabad.
2. The Director General,
Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

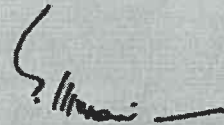
Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPLETE BAN ON USE OF CNG/LPG/LNG AS FUEL IN PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (VANS).

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2. Deputy Commissioner, Muzaffargarh vide letter No. 94/DRT/AMG/19 dated 21st May, 2019 has submitted that the design mentioned by OGRA vide letter No. OGRA-23(152)/2011-Enf dated 26-09-2013 regarding number and location of cylinders as fuel tanks in Hiace Vans is in complete contradiction of Rule 199 (Fuel Tanks) of Motor Vehicle Rules 1969 and Compressed Natural Gas Safety Rules 1992 (Standard Code of Practice, Part III: Use of CNG Fuel, Internal Combustion Engines) which compromises on safety and comfort of the passengers (Copy enclosed).
3. It is also pertinent to mention here that HDIP was to establish its workshops in every district to inspect/ verify the quality of kits and cylinders installed in PSVs and to issue a certificate for assistance of traffic checking agencies issued by All Pakistan CNG Association but none of these workshops have requisite expertise in this field. A list of 80 approved workshops was also issued but none of these workshops is functional at present so the District Administration in the province are facing lot of problems due to increasing trend of fire incidents in Public Service Vehicles causing deaths of innocent lives. (Copy of report of Secretary DRTA, Muzaffargarh is enclosed).
4. Further, it has been transpired during inquiries of recent fire incidents occurred in the public service vehicles especially in "Hiace Vans" at Sohawa (Jhelum) and on Motorway Toll Plaza Rawalpindi that the drivers and the owners of these vehicles are using LPG in place of CNG and have installed more than one cylinders beneath the passenger's seats against the instructions and design approved by HDIP

and OGRA. Practically it is not possible to check and verify each and every PSV operating on intra and intercity routes.

5. In view of the aforesaid situation, it is recommended that use of any kind of gas as fuel and installation of Gas Cylinders in all public service vehicles may kindly be banned immediately to avoid unpleasant incidents in future and to save precious human lives.


(Syed Javed Iqbal Bokhari)
Secretary Transport

CC:

- i. Chief Secretary, Punjab.
- ii. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
- iii. Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
- iv. Additional I.G. (Traffic), Punjab.
- v. Inspector General of Police, Motorway, Islamabad.
- vi. Commissioner, D.G. Khan Division.
- vii. Deputy Commissioner, Muzaffargarh.