

***hRegarding need to exclude Fishermen Cooperative Society in Maharashtra from the 'Bulk Consumer' of diesel category**

1. **Background** () : **Background**
The Government of Maharashtra has been considering the need to exclude Fishermen Cooperative Societies from the 'Bulk Consumer' category of diesel for some time. The Government has received representations from various stakeholders, including the Fishermen's Union, regarding the need to exclude these societies from the category. The Government has also received representations from the oil companies regarding the need to include these societies in the category.

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The Government is currently considering the recommendations of the committee and the representations received from the stakeholders. The Government will take a final decision on the issue in due course.

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IOCL, HPCL, BPCL, Reliance Industries Limited

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