

## Home delivery of fuels

### Why in news?

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Ministry of petroleum is planning for the delivery of fuel at door step.

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### Why door step delivery is is promoted?

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- Home delivery is reason for the success of e-commerce firms.

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- It saves times for the consumers.

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- The infrastructure investment of the firms can be reduced.

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### What are the issues with the home delivery of fuels?

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- Enforcing safety measures would be difficult with door delivery facilities.  
e.g Ban on lighting a cigarette at a petrol pump is easy, but not the same in the home-delivery environment.

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- LPG cylinder adulteration is not as easy, but it is relatively simple to do this in fuels like petrol and diesel.

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- Regular checks by agencies for enforcing anti-adulteration is easier at petrol pumps and that much more difficult for home-delivery unit.

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- Hoarding of petroleum products to influence pricing is possible.

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- Smuggling of fuels from states where it is cheaper is possible.

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## How these issues can be addressed?

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  - Only Special delivery vans with special pilfer-proof locks be used to ensure there is no tampering with the fuel.
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    - Agencies can ensure anti-adulterations by regular checks with the fuel delivery vans.
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      - Aadhaar card can be made mandatory for fuel delivery, which will avoid the fuel hoarding.
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        - Implementation of GST on petroleum products will maintain the fuel prices same across the nation, so that smuggling can be avoided.
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