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INDIAN HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

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4th June 2009

The Chief Fire Officer,
Mumbai Fire Brigade,
'A' Ward, 2nd Floor,
Sheikh Hafizuddin Marg,
Byculla, Mumbai 400 008

Respected Sir,

Since we are faced with a lot of queries from our members regarding the NOC to be obtained from the office of the chief fire officer while obtaining license under section 394 of the BMC act I put forward the following two queries which I request your good self to reply.

- 1) Does an eating house or any premise with license issued under section 394 of the BMC act using only two LPG cylinders require a NOC from your office? As Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in its letter addressed to us has mentioned that one could use up to two LPG cylinders without a NOC from your office. The said letter is attached herewith.
- 2) Is there a blanket ban on allowing to cook in the service area (Eating Section) of an eating house? If so can the same be relaxed for a single burner cooking activity e.g pav bhaji / kebab / Shorma counter, if there is sufficient place to exit during emergencies.

We request you to clarify the same, so that we can inform our members accordingly and they can be on the right side of the law.

Thanking you,

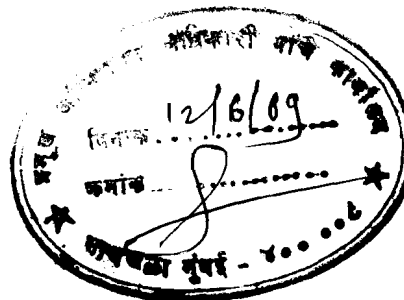
With regards,

Yours truly,

For Indian Hotel & Restaurant Association,

S.R. Shetty

[Santosh.R.Shetty]
Hon.Gen.Secretary





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NOVEMBER 29, 1994

M/s. Indian Hotel & Restaurant Association
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Sakharankar Road,
Shivaji Park, Mahim
BOMBAY - 400 016.

Dear Sir,

Kind Attn:  M.N. RAO. SHEETTY

LPG FOR COMMERCIAL USE

We thank you for the kind courtesy extended to our Sales Officer Mr.N.R. Shenai when he called on you on 2.11.94.

As advised by Mr. Shenai, we shall be in a position to release LPG connections for Hotels, Restaurants, Snack Bars and Fast Food Corners etc. on our standard terms and conditions. Requirements upto 2 cylinders will be met immediately on receipt of the request from the prospective customers. In case there is a requirement for installing more than 2 cylinders, the concerned establishments will have to obtain the following :-

1. NOD from Fire Brigade Authority for storage and use of LPG in their premises.
2. A manifold installation conforming to IS 6044 (Part I) made by any of the approved contractors as per the enclosed list.

You may advise all your members who desire to have LPG connection to approach us.

While on the subject, we regret the inconvenience caused to some of the Hoteliers in Malad/Kandivli areas on account of non-availability of 19Kg. cylinders at our distributorships. The situation has been appropriately dealt with and hope you will have no cause for complaint in future.

Thanking you and assuring you of our best attention at all times,

Yours faithfully,

for BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED



M.N. RAO

for CHIEF DIVISIONAL MANAGER BOMBAY (LPG)

Encl: a.a.

Office of the Chief Fire Officer,
MUMBAI FIRE BRIGADE,
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai,
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Subject: A letter from Mr. Santosh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Indian Hotel & Restaurant Association regarding the queries of their members regarding the NOC to be obtained from the C.F.O.'s department while obtaining license U/S 394 of the M.M.C. act regarding use of two L.P.G. cylinders. And relaxation to allow to cook in service area (Eating Area) with single burner cooking activity e.g. Pavbhaji/Kebab/Shorma counter if there is sufficient place to exit during Emergencies.

Ref: 1) A letter under No. AHAR/182/2009. DT. 4/6/2009.
2) M.F.B. No. 41/168 dt. 12/06/2009.

C.F.O.
Sir,

In the above said letter Mr. Santosh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Indian Hotel Restaurant Association has requested to reply/clarify regarding the queries of their members regarding the NOC to be obtained from the C.F.O.'s department while obtaining license U/S 394 of the M.M.C. act. The queries are as mentioned below.

1) Does an eating house or any premise with license issued U/S 394 of the M.M.C. act using only two L.P. gas cylinders require a N.O.C. from your office? M/S Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in its letter addressed to them has mentioned that one could use upto two LPG cylinders without a N.O.C. from C.F.O.'s department. The copy of the said letter is also attached herewith.

CLARIFICATION -: Yes, an eating house or any premise with license issued U/S 394 of the M.M.C. act using only two L.P. Gas cylinders require a N.O.C. from C.F.O.'s department.

M/S Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in their letter mentioned that that " as advised by Mr. Shenai we shall be in position to release LPG connections for Hotels, Restaurants, Snack Bars and fast food corners etc. on our standard terms and conditions. Requirements upto two cylinders will be met immediately on receipt of the request from the prospective customers. In case there is a requirement for installing more than two cylinders, the concerned establishments will have to obtain 1) The N.O.C. from fire brigade authority for storage and use of LPG in their premises. 2) A manifold installation conforming to IS 6044(Part I) made by any of the approved contractors as per enclosed list."

From above it is clear that M/S Bharat Petroleum Corporation has mentioned their standard terms and conditions for issuing the LPG connections. And this is the M/S Bharat Petroleum Corporation's policy and not of the civic body of Mumbai i.e. Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. As per the section 394 of M.M.C. ACT, Schedule M, Part III, LPG is included in the 'list of the Articles which shall not be kept without a license in or upon any premises for sale or other than domestic use for the cases of compressed, liquefied, dissolved.' Hence while issuing the trade licenses like eating house U/S 394 Of M.M.C. act N.O.C from fire risk and life safety point of view of C.F.O.'s department is necessary requisition asked by the M.O.H. Again for the licenses issued in the one window system by M.C.G.M. the codified requirements are stipulated for the use of the fuels other than L.P. gas. For the sale or other than domestic use of LPG, N.O.C. of C.F.O.'s department from fire risk and life safety point of view shall must be obtained.

2) Is there a blanket ban on allowing to cook in the service area (Eating section) of an eating house? If so can the same be relaxed for a single burner cooking activity e.g. pav bhaji/kebab/Shorma counter, if there is sufficient place to exit during emergencies.

CLARIFICATION -: Yes, Cooking in the service area of an eating house is strictly prohibited and also it cannot be relaxed for a single burner though the premises has sufficient place of exit. The segregation of fuel from the service area is one of the important fire preventive measures to minimise the fire risk from life safety point of view. Hence allowing cooking activity in the service area though having a sufficient exit defeats the purpose of life safety of the customers.

D. S. Patil
25/8/2009

D.S.PATIL
STATION OFFICER