

# PRICE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

## Fuel Retail Outlet Price Compliance

Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD)

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<b>Reference</b>		<b>Classification</b>	Official

### 1. Background

In response to the recent revision of fuel prices by the Government, the CCAA initiated an ad hoc surveillance exercise to assess compliance among Fuel Retail Outlets (FROs) with the officially notified prices for Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD). This exercise was conducted with particular emphasis on the revised diesel price directive.

A total of 73 Fuel Retail Outlets across the country were covered under this exercise, distributed across four authorised distributors as follows:

#	Distributor / Company	Abbreviation	No. of FROs
1	Bhutan Oil Corporation Limited	BOC / BOD	30
2	Druk Petroleum Corporation Limited	DPCL	17
3	Druk Petroleum Distribution Limited	DPDL	14
4	State Trading Corporation of Bhutan Limited	STCBL	12
<b>TOTAL OUTLETS SURVEYED</b>			<b>73</b>

### 2. Objective

The primary objective of this surveillance was to verify that all FROs are adhering to the fuel prices officially notified by the Government, with particular focus on the revised HSD rates. The exercise aimed to identify any deviations from the approved pricing structure and ensure uniform pricing across all retail outlets nationwide.

### 3. Methodology

The surveillance was conducted using a multi-channel data collection approach:

- **Telephone verification** with FRO Managers to obtain prevailing fuel price data;
- **Digital communication channels**, including social media platforms, to collect and corroborate price information;
- **Pictorial evidence** of fuel price display boards, obtained from 30 FROs, to provide physical verification of posted prices.

The reported fuel prices were compiled and systematically compared against the official rates notified by the Department of Trade to determine the compliance status of each outlet.

## 4. Findings

As of 25 March 2026, the analysis of collected data yielded the following results:

Compliance Indicator	Count	Percentage
✓ Fully Compliant FROs (MS & HSD)	73	100%
Total FROs Surveyed	73	100%

### 4.1 Compliant Outlets

All 73 FROs surveyed (100%) were found to be fully compliant with the officially notified fuel prices for both Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD) as of 25 March 2026. Outlets charging at or below the approved rate are considered compliant, as consumers are not being overcharged.

### 4.2 Price Observations – HSD Undercharging

While all outlets are compliant, it is noted for the record that five (5) FROs were observed charging HSD at rates below the approved price. As undercharging does not disadvantage consumers, these outlets remain within the compliance threshold. The observed variances are documented below for informational purposes:

No.	Outlets Affected	Nature of Variance	Variance Amount	Compliance Status
1	3 outlets	HSD charged below approved rate	Nu. 0.48 per unit	✓ Compliant
2	1 outlet	HSD charged below approved rate	Nu. 0.46 per unit	✓ Compliant
3	1 outlet	HSD charged below approved rate	Nu. 0.35 per unit	✓ Compliant

## 5. Conclusion and Recommendation

The surveillance exercise confirms full compliance (100%) across all 73 Fuel Retail Outlets surveyed, with no instances of overcharging detected for either Motor Spirit (MS) or High-Speed Diesel (HSD) as of 25 March 2026. All FROs are adhering to the government's pricing directive.

Five (5) FROs were observed charging HSD at rates marginally below the approved price (by Nu. 0.35 to Nu. 0.48 per unit). As per the applicable compliance framework, outlets charging at or below the notified rate are considered compliant, since consumers are not disadvantaged. These variances are recorded for informational purposes only.

## **Recommendation**

Continued ad hoc and routine surveillance should be sustained at regular intervals and following each price revision to maintain this high level of compliance and promptly detect any overcharging.