

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
INDUSTRIES AND PRODUCTION DIVISION

Islamabad, the September 03, 2021

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. No.1114(I)/2021.– **Whereas** the fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic has created a national emergency in terms of para 5(1)(b) of the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Order 2021*, and **whereas** certain manufacturers, taking advantage of the rising demand for oxygen required in the treatment Covid-19 patients, have started charging higher prices for oxygen cylinders even though there has been no increase in the costs of oxygen production or transportation.

Whereas the second entry at S.No. 13 of Part-I of the Schedule to the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977* provides for the fixation of the price of oxygen cylinders; and **whereas** it has become imperative to fix the price of oxygen cylinders to eliminate profiteering in the public interest so as to ensure their availability at fair prices in a situation of national emergency.

Whereas there is not enough time to carry out the processes prescribed in para 5(4) of the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Order 2021*, and the urgency of the situation requires immediate fixation of price under para 7 of the Order *ibid*.

Whereas the Ministry of Industries and Production carried out a market survey of prices of oxygen gas and cylinders, which yielded the following costs structure:

For Cylinder Capacity 1.45 M³

Oxygen price: Rs. 60 to 80 per M³

Filling charges: Rs. 130 to 150 per cylinder

Transportation, overheads and profit margins of distributors/retailers: Rs. 140 to 180 per cylinder

For Cylinder Capacity 6.00 M³

Oxygen price: Rs. 60 to 80 per M³

Filling charges: Rs. 160 to 180 per cylinder

Transportation, overheads and profit margins of distributors/retailers: Rs. 340 to 400 per cylinder

For Cylinder Capacity 6.81 M³

Oxygen price: Rs. 60 to 80 per M³

Filling charges: Rs. 180 to 200 per cylinder

Transportation, overheads and profit margins of distributors/retailers: Rs. 400 to 460 per cylinder

Cylinder Capacity (2100 pound per square inch pressure)	Price of Empty Oxygen Cylinder (Rs)	Average Price of Oxygen Cylinder (Rs)	Average Price of Oxygen Gas* (Rs)
1.45M ³ / 10 Ltr	10,000 to 15,000	12,500	400
6.00M ³ / 40 Ltr	20,000 to 26,000	23,000	960
6.81M ³ / 47 Ltr	23,000 to 27,000	25,000	1,100

* Inclusive of filling, transportation and other charges

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under section 6 of the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977*, read with para 7 of the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Order 2021*, I do hereby fix the maximum retail price of oxygen cylinders as follows for availability to the general public:

Cylinder Capacity (2000-2200 pound per square inch pressure)	Maximum Price of Oxygen Cylinder for Retail Sale (Rs)		
	Empty	Filled	Refilling
1.45M ³ / 10 Ltr	12,500	12,900	400
6.00M ³ / 40 Ltr	23,000	23,960	960
6.81M ³ / 47 Ltr	25,000	26,100	1,100

The provincial and regional authorities/ICT are directed to implement this order under the powers delegated to them by SRO F.No1(7)/2005-CA, Vol-III dated 14th September, 2006 and to take action against the producers, dealers, distributors and retailers who do not comply with this order, as provided under the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977*.

However, provinces and federal regions/ICT may add an allowance to the notified prices for extra transportation costs in remote or distant areas.

Further, a weekly compliance report shall be submitted by authorities exercising the delegated powers of Controller General of Prices in the provincial and federal regions/ICT.

This order shall come into force immediately and shall be given wide publicity through notification in the official gazette.

This order will remain in force till 15th October 2021 unless rescinded or modified earlier.

The concerned producers, dealers or importers of oxygen cylinders are hereby given an opportunity to offer their views along with submission of relevant documents, data and information by the 15th of September 2021 in terms of para 5(4) of the *Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Order 2021*.

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