

## **Press Release**

Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) in order to check the availability of MS and HSD and its smooth sale to the public at the prices declared by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for their retail outlets and posted on OGRA's website, conducted surprise inspections on February 28, 2010 and March 01, 2010 at Haripur, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Hasilpur, Chishtian, Mianwali, Bhakar, Layyah and their adjoining areas, through teams comprising of OGRA Officers. This was done, since it was apprehended that, in case of reduction in prices of POL products by OGRA, the retailers might continue to sell MS/HSD at previous prices. Further, the retail outlets might decline the purchase of MS/HSD and hence its sale to the customers, thus causing great inconvenience and problems to the general public. The inspections have revealed that due to OGRA's previous inspections and actions taken thereafter, generally the retailers had kept sufficient inventories/stocks. However, some of the retail outlets inspected were found over-charging the customers. OGRA has taken strict notice of such malpractices and the OMCs / petrol pump owners involved in such activities will be strictly dealt with, in accordance with the Rules and the prevailing Law.