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# Tackling SCR Bypass Practices: Ensuring Quality & **Compliance in the Market**

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# Nandan Group of Companies















Manufacturing of Automotive and Industrial Lubricating Oils & Greases, Specialties etc

Manufacture of Plastic Containers for Jubricants & **Essential Oil** Repacking of Lubricants CFA for PSU Oil Cos

Health Food Products

Technical JV with Kruse Automotive GmbH, Germany for manufacturing of AdBlue

Company owned Inbound | Outbound Logistics for Bulk Liquid cargos











## **Milestone Journey**



Introduction of Mini DEF Plant & AdBlue® Dispensing System... Launch of Velvex coolant

Setting up FDA approved Liquid Paraffin Plant for Pharma & Personal Care

Production capacity increased to 1,00,000 MT for Lube 9000 MT for Grease 9,00,000 MT for AdBlue® Expansion of Pan India Network 24 AdBlue® Plants





refresh packs launched

2024 2025

2025



Expansion of AdBlue\* business with set up of 8 plants



Expanded product portfolio to Transformer oils, White oils & RPO.



On boarded major OEM customers & started supplies to TATA, BOSCH, M&M, LIS, MFC



Launched VELVEX Lubricants for Rotail market



AdBlue manufacturing plant with the collaboration of Kruse Automotive, Germany

2015





Incorporation of Nandan Petrochem Limited (NPL). Started toll blending for PSU's





Mobil, BP, Caltex / Chevron



Toll Blending for TOTAL,

Technical Collaboration with MEGUIN GmbH, Germany





Custom made Genuine oils for Kirloskar & Greaves Cotton



Expansion of facility with 3 fully equipped plants & OEM business - On boarded ESCORTS, BEML



1999

2001



# **Group Ambition, Purpose and Values**





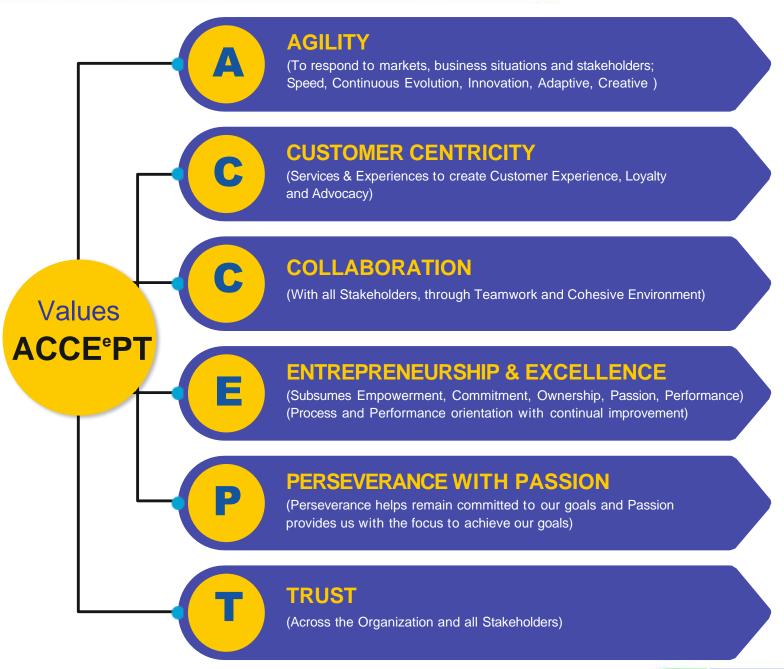
## **Ambition**

"We at Nandan Group as a responsible Corporate, aim to be a preferred Partner delivering stakeholder value in all our endeavours"



# **Purpose**

"We believe in providing solutions to make "Effort Effortless" and superior experience for "Contemporary **Mobility** 



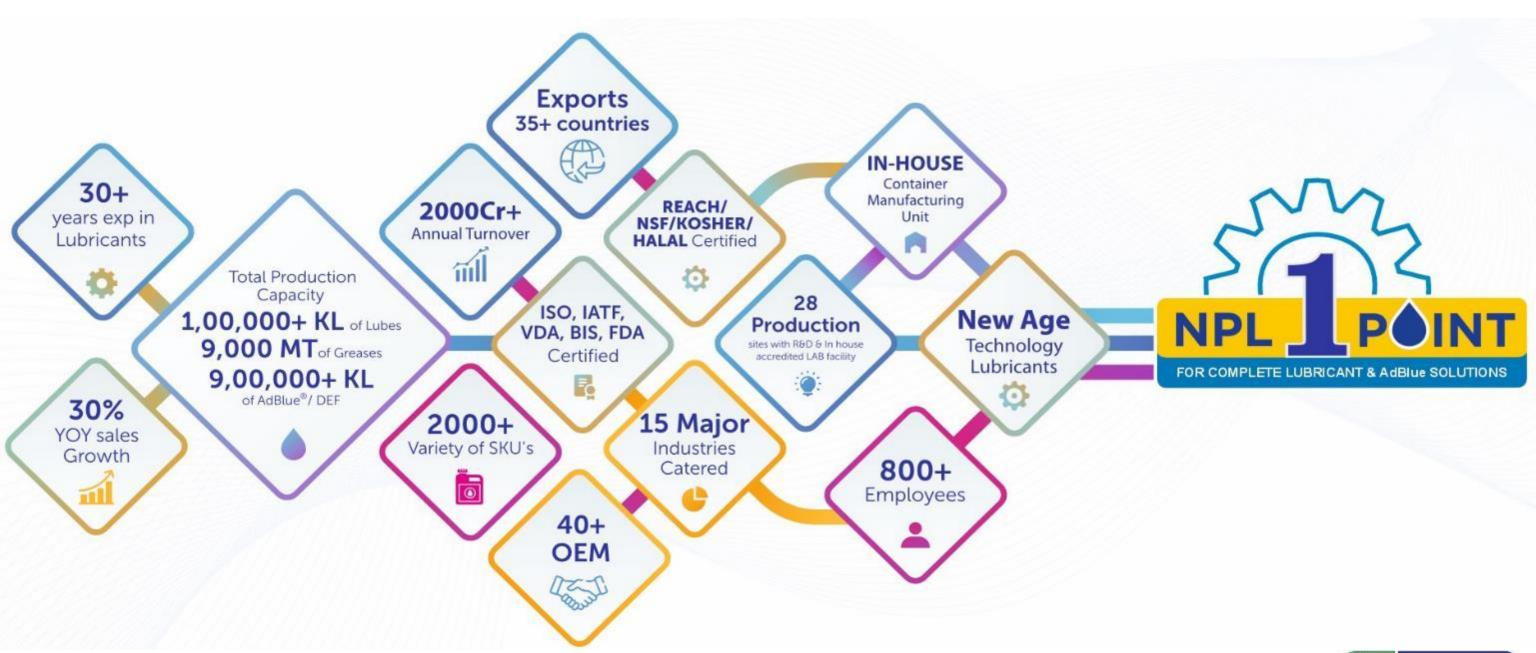




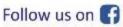


# **NPL Group: Business At a Glance**













## **Our PAN India Presence**





- Market Leader: Pioneer and largest manufacturer of AdBlue in India
- Widest Reach: Largest number of plants across India, and expanding to meet growing demand.
- 21 Plants Total Production Capacity : 9,00,000+ KL of AdBlue
  - 3 Plants Total Production Capacity: 1,00,000+ KL of Lubricants





<sup>\*</sup> Reference image not to be scaled

# **Our Offering – For Genuine AdBlue**





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VELVEX AdBlue



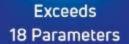




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## **List of Esteemed Clients**































































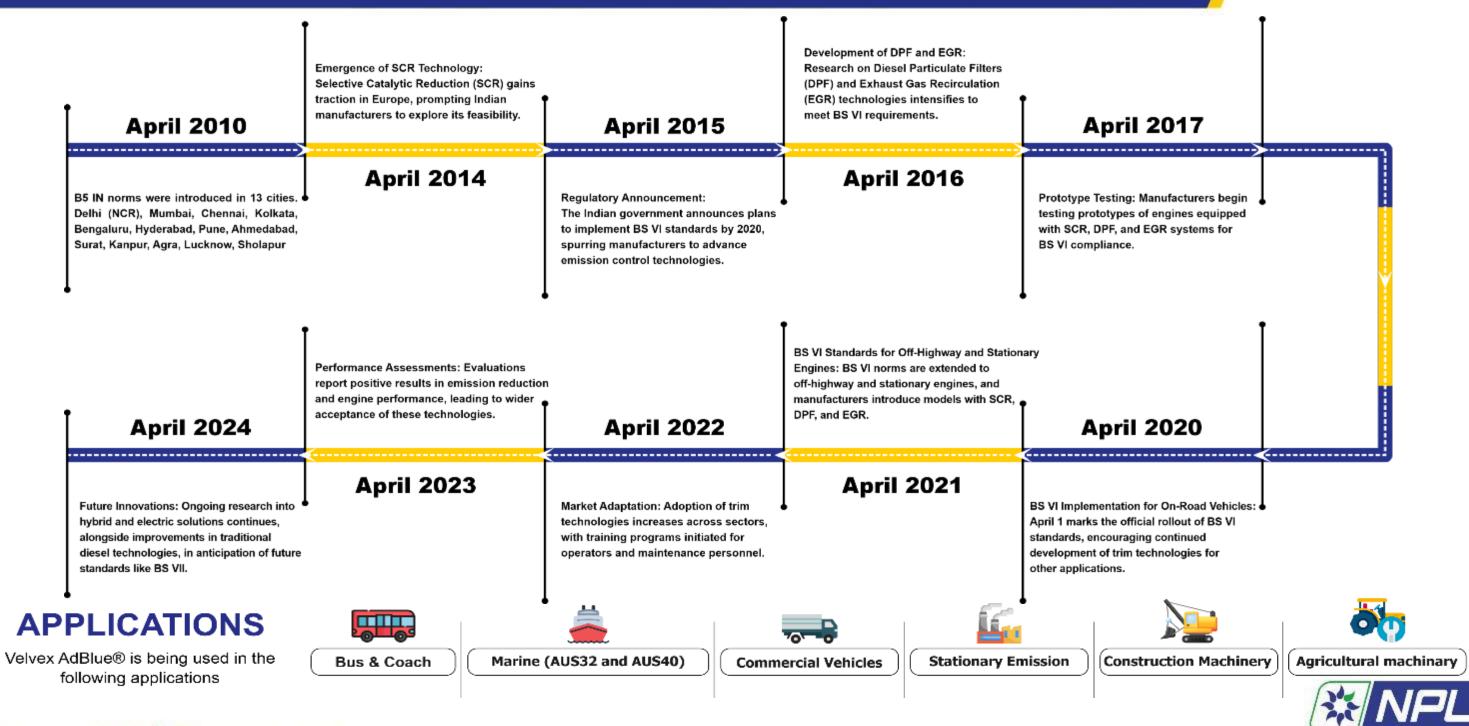


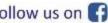


# **Progress of BS-VI Implementation In The Country**



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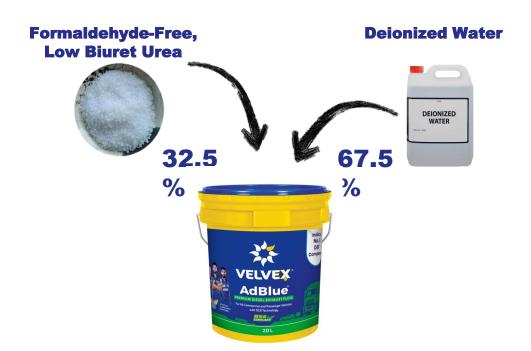






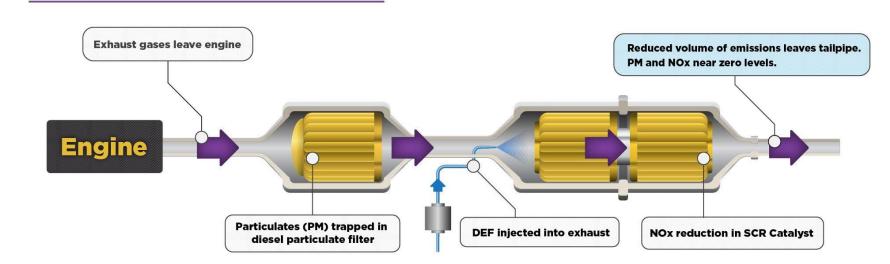
# What is AdBlue®?





## **Functioning of the SCR System**

#### **Diesel Emissions Control System**



- A non-toxic, crystal clear, & synthetically produced solution
- Used in SCR system to reduce NOx emissions from exhaust of vehicles
- Filled in an additional tank that is fitted by the vehicle manufacturer
- ISO 22241 standard ensures its consistent quality. In 2006, Euro technology to enable trucks to meet the Euro IV and V limits
- An SCR system uses AdBlue<sup>®</sup> to convert NOx to water vapor and nitrogen
- SCR technology is more fuel efficient than EGR technology

#### What is VDA?

- Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA) is a German interest group representing the German automobile industry. Its members include both automobile manufacturers and component suppliers.
- VDA QMC is the certifying body that audits the suppliers' plants and certifies them to use the AdBlue® brand name





## AdBlue / DEF / AUS32 Market Size



Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF), also known as AUS 32 and marketed as AdBlue, is a key liquid used to reduce air pollution from diesel engines.

## **Market Insights**

- •Annual Consumption: The DEF market is estimated at 800 to 1,000 million liters per year.
- •Market Share: Nandan Group holds an approximate 35% share, making it the leading DEF manufacturer in India.
- •Public Sector Units: Major players like IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL have established their production facilities for DEF.



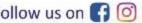


#### **Financial Outlook**

- •Market Value: The DEF market is valued between Rs. 3,500 to 3,800 crores annually.
- •Growth Rate: It is projected to grow at a rate of 12% to 15% per annum.
- •CAGR: The compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in volume over the past three years has been an impressive 20%.

This robust growth indicates a strong demand for DEF, driven by regulatory pressures and the increasing adoption of cleaner diesel technologies.





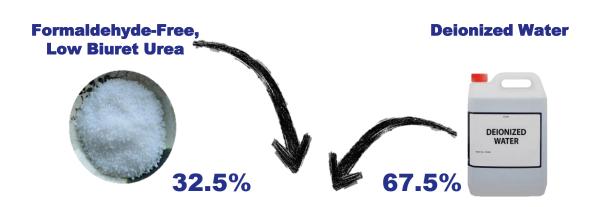


# **AdBlue Quality Standard**



SCR systems are sensitive to potential chemical impurities in the urea solution.

Therefore, it is essential to maintain high-quality standards in AdBlue manufacturing.





Characteristics	Unit	Limits		Significance
		min.	max.	Significance
Urea Content	% (m/m)d	31.8	33.2	It is critical to be in the range for an ideal solution as it provides the lowest freezing point.  Also, the SCR system will be calibrated to 32.5%  Urea content to get the optimum NOx reduction.
Density @ 20°C	kg/m3	1087	1093	Product Identification, and to check possible contamination
Refractive Index at 20°C	-	1381.4	1384.3	Product Identification, and to check possible contamination
Alkalinity as NH3	% (m/m)d	-	0.2	Determines product shelf life
Biuret	% (m/m)d	-	0.3	Poison to catalyst
Aldehyde	mg/kg	-	5	Form Deposits
Insoluble Matter	mg/kg	-	20	Causes Injector Clog
Phosphate (PO4)	mg/kg	-	0.5	Poison to catalyst
Calcium	mg/kg	-	0.5	Causes Injector Clog
Iron	mg/kg	-	0.5	Poison to catalyst
Copper	mg/kg	-	0.2	Poison to catalyst
Zinc	mg/kg	-	0.2	Poison to catalyst
Chromium	mg/kg	-	0.2	Poison to catalyst
Nickel	mg/kg	-	0.2	Poison to catalyst
Aluminium	mg/kg	-	0.5	Poison to catalyst
Magnesium	mg/kg	-	0.5	Causes Injector Clog
Sodium	mg/kg	-	0.5	Poison to catalyst
Potassium	mg/kg	-	0.5	Poison to catalyst

AdBlue Specifications as per ISO 22241 / IS 17042











## **India: Current Scenario**



- Growth of AdBlue demand in the country.
- Along with reputed organized players, many unorganized players are entering this segment.
- Volume of substandard AdBlue being sold in the market is increasing due to the following reasons:
  - 1) Contamination of AdBlue is taking place due to Non-Dedicated Dispensing Equipment.
  - 2) Cheaper Industrial / Agricultural grade urea and supplies without mandated testing of the product are some of the mechanisms adopted to reduce the cost of manufacturing.
  - 3) Spurious manufacturers supplying AdBlue / DEF / AUS32 with lower urea concentration to cut costs.
  - 4) Lack of Knowledge: Many consumers may not be aware of the differences between genuine and substandard products, making it easier for altered products to be sold.
- In addition, there is now increasing use of cheat technology to bypass SCR and avoid AdBlue/DEF refilling.

# **Quality Control Order**





Quality control order for AdBlue has come into effect from 24th August 2024



Notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 requires all packs of AdBlue/DEF to bear ISI mark



The ISI mark can be licensed after a successful audit by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The IS part no is IS-17042



The audit requires all AdBlue/DEF manufacturers to have their facilities audited and product approved.



Minimum criteria is for manufactures to invest in laboratory for testing of its product



It is the first battle amongst many in the fight against spurious manufacturers of the product











## **Substandard and Genuine AdBlue**



#### **Substandard AdBlue / DEF / AUS32**

Not Certified - NO Quality Assurance





No License Approval



Cheaper Agricultural Grade Urea With Lower Urea Concentration



Bypass SCR and Harms Engine Life / Longer Vehicle Downtime Negative Impact on Biodiversity



#### **Genuine AdBlue / DEF / AUS32**

Certified - Quality Assurance











License Approval



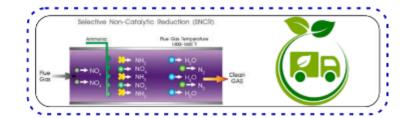
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Industrial Grade Urea AUS32 (ISO 22241 / IS 17042)



Cleaner Engine and Cleaner Environment















## Counterfeit AdBlue in India



- •Widespread sale of low-quality or contaminated AdBlue at informal roadside outlets.
- •Packaged in unmarked or imitation containers, often without ISI certification.
- •Poses serious risks: damages SCR systems, increases wear, and reduces emission control efficiency.
- •Threatens public health by contributing to higher NOx emissions.
- •Undermines fair market practices and compliance with BS-VI regulations.











Only ISI-marked, certified AdBlue ensures vehicle performance, emission compliance, and cleaner air.











## **QCO Implementation To Address Substandard Product Issues**



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#### **BIS in India**



#### **ISO 22241**

- Standards Applicable globally
- Typically voluntary, but widely adopted
- Currently in effect



#### ISO 17042

- Tailored for the Indian market
- Mandatory for Indian manufacturers
- Applicable from Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Limits on various contaminants like aldehydes, phosphates, and metals to ensure they do not damage the SCR system
- BIS certification through facility assessment and testing
- Mandatory to mention product name, BIS mark, batch number, and dates on product packaging
- Penalties for non-compliance include fines, license suspension, and sales prohibition

#### **Steps Taken in Other Countries**



# AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE CERTIFIED DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID

#### Europe

AdBlue is a registered trademark of VDA.

VDA audits the manufacturing plants and certifies them to use the AdBlue trade mark.

#### USA

American Petroleum Institute (API), on lines of VDA, has set up an audit and licensing framework. Manufacturers qualifying the audit can use the API logo on their packs.



#### Brazil

The In metro (Brazilian Institute of Metrology) is responsible for **conformity assessment** of a range of products manufactured and sold in Brazil.



#### China

In April 2015, the Internal
Combustion Engine Industry
Association set up a certification
system for AdBlue and those
enterprises who meet the
manufacturing specification are
authorized to use their
trademark called CGT.



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# **Cheat Technology – Bypass of SCR Systems**



- Rise in tampering of SCR systems in India.
  - SCR Equipment lines are removed from the system
  - Use of OBD emulators to bypass the SCR system
  - Counter Technology Services Providers
  - Diagnostic tools with version program files
  - Bypass of SCR systems is happening in both BS-IV and BS-VI vehicles.







Mercedes Euro6 AdBlue Emulator



Volvo Euro6 AdBlue Emulator

























# **Effects of Bypassing SCR System**





#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

- Increase in NOx emissions increases air pollution, contributing to smog, acid rain and degradation of air quality.
- It will also directly impact public health-giving rise to respiratory problems and other health issues.
- Environmental degradation with **negative impact on biodiversity**.



#### **OEMs**

- Negative perception on BS-VI technology affecting Brand Equity.
- Future regulatory challenges to implement and maintain emissions standards.



#### **VEHICLE OWNERS:**

- Loss of business due to frequent breakdown. Higher combustion temperatures leads to increased engine wear.
- Provides unfair competitive advantage over law abiding businesses.
- Decreased resale value as consequences of such modifications.
- Loss of warranty coverage for engine-related issues.





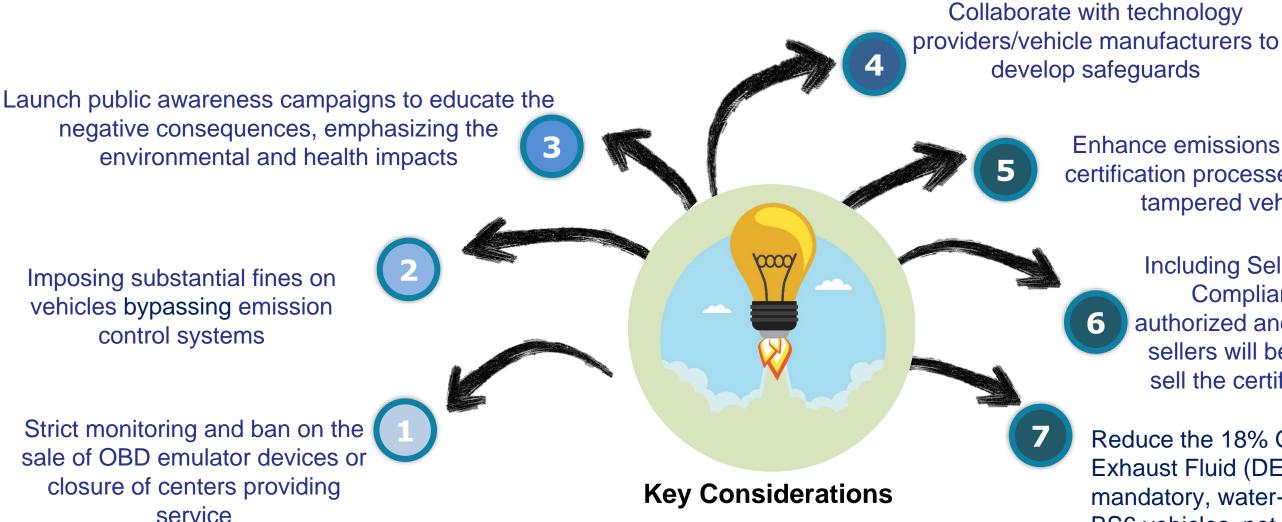






# Way Forward





Enhance emissions testing and certification processes to identify tampered vehicles

> Including Sellers Under ISI Compliance. Only authorized and ISI-approved sellers will be permitted to sell the certified products.



Reduce the 18% GST on Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) as it is a mandatory, water-based commodity for BS6 vehicles, not a luxury item.

Vehicles running with inferior quality or without AdBlue / DEF / AUS 32 are more harmful to the environment and society as they emit more NOx than BS I standard.

It will impact vehicles SCR system along with public health-giving rise to respiratory problems and other health issues.



# Efforts by us



#### **Policy Advocacy**

Submitted representations to the:

- 1. Ministry of Environment
- 2. Forest and Climate Change
- 3. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- 4. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- 5. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 6. National Clean Air Program (NCAP)
- 7. Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI)

On the risks of SCR bypass and spurious AdBlue.



## **Regulatory Push**

Written to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers requesting that bulk DEF sellers be brought under BIS licensing to curb non-compliant roadside sales and diversion of subsidized urea.



#### **Market Integrity**

Provided documented evidence of spurious DEF practices, including roadside dispensing of fertilizer-grade urea, causing subsidy leakage and environmental hazards.



#### **Fiscal Measures**

Made representation to the **Ministry of Finance** for **GST rate reduction** to
ensure affordability of genuine AdBlue.





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