

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LPG IN WEST BENGAL
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and supply of LPG in West Bengal during the last two years ;
- (b) whether there has been any shortage in supply of LPG cylinders in the State ;
- (c) if so the reasons therefor ; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage in the State ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) The sale of LPG by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies in the state of West Bengal during the last two years are as under:
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Year LPG Sale (in TMT)

1997-98 242.5
1998-99 272.7

(b) to (d): At present, the demand of LPG customers enrolled with the Public Sector Oil Companies in the state of West Bengal, is being met by and large in full. However, whenever LPG backlog develops, PSU Oil Companies take various measures including maximising imports, operating the bottling plants on extended hours/Sundays and holidays, etc., to meet the demand in the affected markets. Presently there is no LPG backlog in the state of West Bengal.