

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4793
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
KEROSENE SHORTAGE IN MAHARASHTRA
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem published in `Lokmat Samachar` Hindi, Nagpur dated November 20, 2002 under caption `Maharashtra mein mittee tel ki killat`;
- (b) if so, the reasons for reducing the quota of kerosene by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government are aware that Maharashtra is a tribal dominated State and the tribal people depend on kerosene as they cannot afford to have gas connection;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the quota of kerosene for Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS' PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : Government have reduced the kerosene allocation to various States/ Union Territories for the year 2002-2003, including Maharashtra, taking into account the number of LPG connections released during October, 2000 to November, 2001 in each of the State/Union Territory.