

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
AGITATION BY EMPLOYEES OF PSUS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;SHYAMA SINGH

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

- (a) whether as a result of `go-slow` agitation by the employees of various public sector oil companies, the shortage of LPG and other petroleum products has been reported in various parts of the country, particularly in Delhi ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government's efforts to resolve the issues with the various unions of oil companies have produced any results ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that consumers to LPG and other petroleum products are not facing any shortages ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 406 SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH AND SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING AGITATION BY EMPLOYEES OF PSUs.

(a) : The `work to rule` was resorted to by a section of workmen of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Northern, Western and Southern Regions during the period 10th March to 21st March, 2003. At some locations, the unions of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) also observed `work to rule` for a few days. Due to this, LPG backlog of 2 to 10 days and partial dry out of Retail Outlets were reported from some areas.

(b) & (c) : The management of IOCL persuaded the unions to withdraw the agitation which was called off by the IOCL unions on 21st March, 2003.

(d) : During the agitation period, the market demand was met through the hospitality assistance availed from other Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to supplement the supplies and through the Retail Outlets / LPG distributorships of the other OMCs. The reported backlog has also been cleared.