

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:497

ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006

DELAY IN SUPPLY OF LPG

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

- (a) whether there had been several complaints in the recent past about delay in receipt of LPG supply by the consumers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the quota of the gas agencies has been curtailed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure timely supply of LPG to the consumers?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 497 BY SHRI S. K. KHARVENTHAN AND SHRI PRABODH PANDA TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MAY, 2006 REGARDING DELAY IN SUPPLY OF LPG.

(a), (b) & (e) There is no shortage of bulk LPG in the country. However, due to some shortage of LPG cylinders in some States, mainly because of inadequate supply of these cylinders by cylinder manufacturers, a wait list for new LPG connections has emerged recently in these States. The Statewise details are at Annex-I. The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that this wait list is expected to be liquidated in a month's time. Further, the OMCs have informed that a temporary refill backlog ranging from 2 to 5 days has emerged in Manipur, Assam and Bihar on account of certain local administrative and operational reasons. The details are at Annex-II.

(c) & (d) OMCs have informed that no quota has been fixed with regard to the supply of filled cylinders to their distributors. The refill supplies of domestic LPG are being made by the OMCs as per genuine requirements of the customers.

ANNEX - I

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) (b) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 497 by Shri S.K. Kharventhan and Shri Prabodh Panda to be answered on 18th May 2006 regarding delay in supply of LPG.

The details of state-wise waiting list with OMCs as on 01.05.2006 is as under:

State Waiting List with OMCs

ANDHRA PRADESH	85791
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	364
ASSAM	6410
BIHAR	8000
CHHATISGARH	0
DELHI	13674
GOA	0
GUJARAT	0
HARYANA	7646
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0
JAMMU & KASHMIR	0
JHARKHAND	0
KARNATAKA	3882
KERALA	54363

MADHYA PRADESH 0
MAHARASHTRA 0
MANIPUR 699
MEGHALAYA 651
MIZORAM 226
NAGALAND 2415
ORISSA 0
PUNJAB 0
RAJASTHAN 0
SIKKIM 0
TAMIL NADU 46218
TRIPURA 1803
UTTAR PRADESH 5146
UTTARANCHAL 0
WEST BENGAL 1150
ALL INDIA 238438

ANNEX - II

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) (b) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 497 by Shri S.K. Kharventhan and Shri Prabodh Panda to be answered on 18th May 2006 regarding delay in supply of LPG.

The reasons for temporary refill backlog in Manipur, Assam and Bihar are as under:-

Manipur :

Backlog of 5 days [338 Metric Tonnes (MTs)] is due to

- (i) disruption in supplies owing to blockade from 01.04.2006 to 17.04.2006 by `Kuki Students Organisation and Zealiang Rong Students Union` demanding development of road between Senapati and Tamenglong in Manipur and
- (ii) Strike by LPG Bulk and filled cylinder transporters at Gopanari Bottling Plant supplying filled cylinders to Manipur on account of action by the Police against certain transporters who were found to be indulging in theft.

Assam :

Backlog of 2-3 days (405 MTs) due to strike by LPG Bulk and filled cylinder transporters at Gopanari Bottling Plant supplying filled cylinders to Manipur.

Bihar :

Backlog of 3-4 days (700 MTs) due to shutdown of Barauni Bottling Plant of IOC for maintenance work during 28.04.2006 to 09.05.2006 and repair work on Kolibar road bridge which affected supplies ex-Gidha Bottling Plant.