

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:181

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2008

SHORTAGE OF PETROL AND DIESEL

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints about the shortage of petrol and diesel in various States in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any investigation of such complaints;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such investigations; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

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 181 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER 2008 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PETROL AND DIESEL ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH AND SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL

(a) & (b): There is no shortage of petrol and diesel in the country. Government had received some complaints/reports about the non-availability of diesel in various States in the period from July to October, 2008. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) reported that sporadic incidence of non-availability was due to a surge in demand for diesel for power generation in these States. However, the demand of all sectors including Agriculture and transport sector is fully met.

(c) to (e): OMCs have been directed to take urgent steps to ensure adequate supply and availability of Diesel and Petrol at the Retail Outlets (ROs) across the country. OMCs have also been directed to take all necessary steps to build sufficient stocks of petroleum products at different locations in the country to take care of any unforeseen contingency including any temporary disruption in the movement of petroleum products.

OMCs have reported that they ensure the availability of petrol and diesel in the country at all times and are supplying petrol and diesel to the ROs as per indents. OMCs have also reported that they have not restricted/curtailed supply of petrol and diesel to their ROs anywhere in the country.