

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

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SHORT SUPPLY OF LPG

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding non-supply of LPG regularly to the consumers by the LPG dealers in Rajasthan and Jharkhand and also that the consumers themselves have to bring the cylinders from the god own by incurring extra expenditure;
- (b) if so, the action taken against the erring LPG distributors during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the said distributors are also involved in black-marketing of LPG cylinders; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including in the States of Jharkhand and Rajasthan and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. OMCs have detected 20 and 87 cases of blackmarketing of LPG /non-home delivery and not extending cash and carry rebate to the customers against their LPG distributorships in the States of Jharkhand and Rajasthan respectively during the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and April to December, 2008. Action against all the erring distributorships was taken as per the provisions of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / Distributorship Agreement.