

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

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LPG SHORTAGE IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of LPG shortage in Gujarat during the last three months and the gas cylinders are available in the black market ; and

(b) if so, the concrete measures being taken in this matter ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ ( SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR )

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any backlog of LPG during the last three months in Gujarat and say they are meeting the entire demand of LPG customers in full. They have further informed the Ministry that strict scheduling and monitoring of supplies is being done to check possible diversion of LPG to unauthorised uses.

The crackdown on the illegitimate diversion of domestic LPG to unauthorised uses is perhaps causing some disruption by unscrupulous elements but this problem is also being addressed.