

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

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SHORTAGE OF PETROL/ DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of petrol and diesel in Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the current system of supply of these essential commodity is not functioning satisfactorily;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to supply petrol and diesel on regular basis through cargo vessels from the mainland or to create adequate storage facility in the area; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has reported that presently there is no shortage of petrol and diesel in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

(c): IOCL has further reported that current system of supply of petrol and diesel in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep is working as per requirement of UT administration and no reports on dissatisfaction have been received by them.

(d) & (e): On the request of Union Territory of Lakshadweep, the construction work for setting up of POL depot at Kavaratti and Minicoy Islands were being executed by IOCL on a deposit basis. During the course of execution of work, UT Administration had advised IOCL to include petrol/Aviation Turbine Fuel storage and Retail Dispensing Station for Petrol and Diesel.

The construction work of POL depot has been stopped since September 2006 due to its being challenged in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala by some local residents.