

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

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ALLOCATION OF KEROSENE

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of kerosene and LPG in the country including Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from various States including Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh for increasing their quota;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Union Government thereon to match the monthly demand supply gap of the requirement of kerosene and LPG in each State?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no shortage of Public Distribution System (PDS) Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) in the country including the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. As regards Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh and LPG supplies are being made by the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the demand of customers registered with LPG distributors. However, there is a backlog of few days of LPG supplies in some States in the country due to a combination of factors viz., logistic problems, excessive booking due to various festivals, local law & order problems and natural calamities.

(c) & (d): Additional allocations are being made to States / UTs to cater to the needs on account of natural calamities and religious purposes like flood, drought, earthquake, Kumbamela etc. depending on the merits of the case.

(e): Supply of LPG is being made as per demand, as such there is no gap. Similarly, in view of continuous expansion of LPG network the requirement of PDS SKO itself should go down and as such there is no gap in demand and supply.