

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

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that there was acute shortage of petro-products like gas, kerosene, petrol and diesel in the inaccessible hilly areas of Uttarakhand due to the breakdown of road transport during the natural calamity; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard and the scheme proposed to be formulated to face such difficulties in future successfully?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. There was a temporary disruption in movement of petroleum products including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) during the month of August 2010 and September 2010 due to heavy rains in Kumaon region and cloudburst. The roads of hilly areas particularly districts of Almora, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Nainital and Champavat were badly damaged. Supply beyond Rishikesh to Districts of Rudraprayag, Terigarhwal, Pauri and Chamoli was also disrupted due to flooding of Roorkee-Haridwar highway. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) had maintained the supply of petroleum products and LPG to the affected areas through alternate routes.

(b) : Details of all possible alternate routes are maintained by OMCs to ensure smooth supplies of products through alternate routes to hilly areas. Adequate stocks are maintained at Oil Depots in Uttarakhand by OMCs. Adequate stocks are also maintained at dealers end in districts prone to road closure during rainy season.