

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

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NON-AVAILABILITY 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 in various States including Orissa,Uttar Pradesh,Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh:
- (b) if so. the details alongwith the reasons therefore;
- (c) the details of demand and supply of kerosene to various States during the last three years and current year;
- (d) the steps taken for raising the kerosene allocation for various States as per their demand;
- (e) whether the number of SKO wholesale dealers appointed by Oil Companies in the countries including Orissa are inadequate;
- (f) if so. whether the Government is considering to increase the number of SKO wholesale dealers in the country; and
- (g) if so. the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) & (b): No. Madam. There is no overall shortage of Kerosene in the country including the States of Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.
- (c); State-wise allocation and upliftment of PDS Kerosene for the last three years and current year are at ANNEXURE -1 & II.
- (d): At present there is no proposal under consideration with Government of India to increase the allocation of PDS Kerosene to States/UTs. However 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, Kumbh Mela etc. depending on the merits of the case.
- (e) to (g): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have no plan to increase their number of PDS Kerosene wholesale dealers in the country including the State of Orissa. PDS Kerosene wholesale dealers are considered to be adequate as per distribution requirement of current allocation.