

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5760  
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SUPPLY OF LPG CYLINDERS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested the Union Government in November, 2010 to increase the supply of LPG in the State ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested to increase the supply of domestic LPG, as per the requirement in the State.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that LPG supplies to the bottling plants catering to the State of Himachal Pradesh is mainly sourced from Panipat Refinery and normal supplies were maintained upto mid of October, 2010. The planned shutdown of Panipat Refinery from 01.10.2010 got extended, delay in start up of Panipat Naptha Cracker Unit as well as heavy downpour in the State during rainy season, and damaged roads in some parts resulted in less availability of bulk LPG at the bottling plants and hence packed LPG supplies from the bottling plants were not commensurate with the market demand, resulting in delayed supplies to certain markets of Himachal Pradesh. However, both Panipat Refinery and the Panipat Naptha Cracker Unit have resumed normal production and despatches, resulting in sufficient availability of bulk LPG.

(c): Government has reviewed the overall backlog situation and advised OMCs to liquidate it by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours.

Regular monitoring of the distributorships in the State of Himachal Pradesh is being done so as to ensure that the markets remain backlog-free. Whenever there is increase in demand in the State, additional loads are released to the concerned LPG distributors.