

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

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LPG

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

- (a) the names of the States where there is gap between demand and supply of LPG and the reasons therefor ;
- (b) the details of the demand and supply of LPG cylinders in the country during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to determine the future demand and supply of LPG in the country ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of LPG in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) : At present, the indigenous production of LPG is insufficient to meet domestic requirements and the shortfall is met through imports. LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. However, backlogs of a few days can be experienced due to factors such as product supply constraints, strikes, road breaches, floods, strikes by Bulk LPG Transporters, unplanned shutdown, natural calamities and spurt in demand etc. There is a backlog in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) : The details of demand/sales of domestic LPG cylinders during the last two years and the period from April 2012 to June 2012 are 21,286 lakhs. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(c) to (e) : The Government had constituted a Working Group on Petroleum & Natural Gas Sector for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17). As per the Report of the Working Group demand and production of LPG for the 12th Plan has been estimated as under:

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	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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Demand	16986	18363	19675	20857	21831
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Production	9255	10345	10659	11358	13087
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The shortfall in domestic availability is met through imports. In order to augment production of petroleum products including LPG refining capacity in the country is being increased. This includes expansion of existing refineries as also putting up of new refineries. The year-wise projected refining capacity in the 12th Five Year Plan as per the Report of the Working Group is as under:

(MMTPA)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
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Projected Refining Capacity	232.3	240.6	241.4	262.3	310.9
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