

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of kerosene oil in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure regular and adequate supply of kerosene oil to all households in extremely backward rural regions in the country especially in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) : Allocation of PDS Kerosene to the States/Union Territories (UTs) is made by the Government of India for cooking and lighting purposes. Further distribution, criterion for eligibility and scale of allocation to beneficiaries is in the domain of the State Government.

As reported by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), there are no reports of shortage of kerosene oil in the country including that of rural areas of Maharashtra. State Governments/UTs control the distribution of PDS Kerosene to consumers including those in the rural areas.