

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

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SCARCITY OF LPG CYLINDERS

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of LPG cylinder refills in various parts of the country including Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new LPG connections are not being issued to the people who got registered long back;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken or proposed by the government in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that at present, there is no shortage of LPG in the Country including in the State of Punjab and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous products and imports in accordance with the demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

(c) to (e) OMCs have reported that the release of new LPG connection is a continuous process and customers desirous of taking new LPG connection have to register their names at the distributorship along-with a completed Know Your Customer (KYC) form. A new subsidized LPG connection is released after completing the de-duplication exercise and verification of the data of the customer concerned.