

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:207  
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2013  
SHORTAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
Maharaj Shri Satpal

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

- (a) whether as a result of natural disaster in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, severe shortage of petrol, diesel, LPG cylinders and kerosene oil is being faced by the people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to enhance the supply of these products to these States;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to release more LPG connections to these States and to provide LPG cylinders free of cost to the persons who have lost all their belongings including gas connection related documents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House..

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 207 ASKED BY SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ FOR ANSWER ON 23RD AUGUST, 2013 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

(a): There is no report of any shortage of Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene and LPG cylinders in the State of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

(b): The Government has taken the following measures to enhance supply of petroleum products : (i) Release of PDS Kerosene and additional allotment of 5000 KL of non PDS Kerosene was made to the State Government of Uttarakhand.

(ii) Supply of LPG cylinders has been maintained in accordance with the demand. LPG cylinders are being dispatched through open routes in coordination with the State Government.

In addition, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were directed to make all efforts to ensure uninterrupted supply of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for rescue sorties and meet any demand of Defence/State Governments. The OMCs were also directed to ensure that there was no dry out in any of the Retail Outlet in two States and to ensure adequate supply of LPG.

(c)&(d) : OMCs have reported that there is no restriction on release of new LPG connections and the same are being released by the LPG distributors on demand from prospective customers in their area of operation, as per policy. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to provide LPG free of cost cylinders to the affected persons.