

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF LPG CYLINDERS

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

- (a) the quantum of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year:
- (b) the total consumption of LPG for commercial and domestic use in the country during the said period. State/UT-wise:
- (c) whether shortage of LPG cylinders are being experienced in some of States including Maharashtra:
- (d) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise: and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the demand and supply gap of LPG cylinders?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The quantum of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year (till October, 2013), is as under:-

Figs. In TMT				
Apr-Oct,	2013	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
8890.8	15207.0	14937.5	13911.8	

(b) : State-wise / UT-wise consumption of LPG for commercial and domestic use in the country for the period 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and Apr-Oct, 2013 is at Annexure.

(c) to (d) : Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have reported backlog in the State of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Kerala and Maharashtra. Backlog was reported in the State of Maharashtra during the month of September, 2013 due to shortage of Bulk LPG at Dhanaj Bottling as Koyali Refinery was shutdown. Some backlog occurred on account of panic booking due to festive season.

(e) : The OMCs have informed that their LPG distributors endeavor to supply refills normally within seven working days from the date of booking. However, sporadic instances of generation of backlog occur in some markets, due to reasons beyond control like strikes/ bandhs/ agitations by contract labours / transporters/ trade unions etc.

OMCs have further reported that there is no permanent shortage of LPG supply in the Country and they are meeting the demand of the customers registered with them. However, if backlog gets generated due to uncontrollable/ unavoidable reasons, the same is met by augmenting supplies to the affected markets by operating the bottling plants on Sundays/ holidays.