

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

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LPG CYLINDERS

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

- (a) the details of demand and supply of domestic LPG cylinders in various States/ Union Territories (UTs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the time period fixed for supply of filled LPG cylinders to consumers along with the average time taken to deliver these cylinders;
- (c) whether LPG cylinders are not being delivered to the consumers on time and backlog has increased owing to large scale black marketing/ diversion/ restriction of movement of trucks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to ensure the timely delivery of LPG cylinders to the consumers?

**Answer**

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

(a) The State/UT-wise detail of supply of domestic LPG cylinders (in TMT of LPG) during last three years and the period from April-Oct, 2013 is at Annexure. All demand is met by supplies.

(b) to (e) : The public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) 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.