

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:194
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SUPPLY OF HSD OIL FOR TEXTILE UNITS
Natarajan Shri P.R.

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

(a) whether the Government have received any request from South India Mill Owners' Association to supply adequate quantity of High Speed Diesel for textile units;and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) On behalf of Southern India Mill Owners' Association this Ministry had received two representations i.e. first one from Minister for Food, Government of Tamil Nadu in August,2008 was about short supply of High Speed Diesel (HSD) and second one from Shri P.R. Natarajan, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) in October, 2009 was about difficulty in getting HSD from other State on inter-state sale basis.

As regard to first representation, this Ministry had directed the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to take urgent steps to ensure adequate supply and availability of both unbranded and branded variants of Diesel and Petrol at the Retail Outlets uniformly across the country. OMCs had also been directed to take all necessary steps to build sufficient stocks of petroleum products at different locations in the country to take care of any unforeseen contingency including any temporary disruption in the movement of petroleum products and to monitor the supply /demand of petroleum products in and around Chennai. OMCs have reported that adequate amount of HSD is available in Tamil Nadu to meet the demand.

Regarding second representation, OMCs have reported that the issue has been sorted out. Due to additional demands from Tamil Nadu customers, there was paucity of tank trucks for inter-state supplies at their supply locations. After inducting the trucks from the customers and improving the existing logistics, the customers' demand is now being met.