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Title: Shortage of LPG in Chamarajnagar, Karnataka.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR) : Thank you Sir, today through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards acute scarcity of L.P.G. and Kerosene oil in my constituency, Chamarajnagar.

Sir, my home district and also my Parliamentary Constituency, Chamarajanagar, is the most backward district in the country. It lacks in all the basic amenities. It is situated near the border of Tamil Nadu. It is surrounded by hills. 36 % of people of the total population are below the poverty line.

*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.

Chamarajanagar District consists of 5 taluks. They are Gundlupet, Yalandur, Kollegal, Nanjan Gud and Chamarajanagar. All these taluks lag behind in terms of development. Sufficient amount of L.P.G. cylinders and kerosene oil has not been supplied to these taluks. That is why I am very much concerned. Sir, in Chamarajanagar taluk, there is only one Bharat Gas Agency for the last 20 years. There are 1 lakh 25 thousand people living in Chamarajanagar town itself. That single gas agency is not able to meet the demands of the increasing population. The Government should take note of it.

It is a matter of great concern that people have been waiting for 15 to 20 days for getting an L.P.G. cylinder. I have also raised this issue in the last session. So, the Government should take immediate steps to invite applications to provide more gas agencies to my constituency. Adequate kerosene should be supplied to all the villages in my constituency. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take all necessary steps to help the people of my constituency without further delay.