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title: Regarding scarcity of kerosene and LPG.

*SHRI P.MOHAN (MADURAI) : In Tamil Nadu, there are 40 lacs of Family Ration Cards that include the new series cards also. About 77 thousand kilo-liters of kerosene is supposed to be released by the Centre to Tamil Nadu every-month. Whereas only 59 thousand kilo-liters of kerosene is to be released from April 2005.

* English translation of speech originally delivered in Tamil

The Centre has been impressed upon repeatedly of this decrease in supply of kerosene. Food and PDS Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking it up with the Union Government both in person and through several correspondence. Hence I urge upon the Union Government to release the complete quota of kerosene. At this juncture, I would like to raise the issue of scarce short supply of LPG cylinders in Tamil Nadu particularly in Madurai. Those who have applied for new connections are waiting endlessly. Those who have two cylinders also can book for only one cylinder at a time. Those who have booked for refill are made to wait for more than ten days. Thereby many families have to face the hardship of going without cylinder for many days. When we sought explanation from the LPG companies and agencies about this LPG scarcity, the reply given at the first instance was that there were short supply of regulators. Later it was cited that scarcity was due to non-availability of cylinders and short supply of LPG itself. Though there is a claim that the situation has changed, the scarcity prevails.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry to ensure the supply of full quota of kerosene meant for Tamil Nadu while streamlining the supply of LPG that make or mar the lives of middle class families.

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय: मेरे पास एक ही इशू पर बोलने के लिए दो मैम्बर्स के नाम हैं - एक प्रहलाद जोशी जी और दूसरा अनन्त कुमार जी, आप दोनों फैसला कर लो कि कौन बोलेंगा?

श्री प्रहलाद जोशी (धारवाड़ उत्तर): पहले अनन्त कुमार जी को बोलने दिया जाए, उसके बाद मैं बोलूंगा। मैं केवल एक मिनट ही बोलूंगा।

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श्री प्रहलाद जोशी : मैंने सुबह आठ बजे नोटिस दिया है इसलिए मुझे भी बोलने का मौका दिया जाए। **वै। (व्यवधान)**