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Title: Shortage in supply of LPG domestic cylinder in Salem district and other parts of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Sir, I bring to the kind attention of hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas the acute shortage of LPG domestic cylinder supply in Tamil Nadu. People are experiencing great difficulties. In Salem district in particular, the situation is the worst. Consumers have to wait for more than 30 days to register their names for getting re-fill cylinders from the earlier date of supply. Even after that, they have to wait for another ten days to get cylinders. So to say, a housewife has to wait at least 45 days to get the refill cylinder. Why is this?

Another pity is that kerosene supply through the public distribution system is also withheld to those who are having cylinder connection. Moreover, most of them are having only one single cylinder connection. Retail dealers tell me that oil companies are allotting lesser number of domestic cylinders because they are concentrating only on commercial cylinders. People in Salem district feel that they have been singled out for such treatment. So, I request the hon. Minister to intervene and to increase the supply of domestic cylinders to Salem district. I also appeal to the Minister to direct the authorities of oil marketing companies to reduce the number of days for registration to a minimum of 21 days from the date of earlier supply and to make delivery within three days from the date of registration. I hope to get a positive and quick response to my request. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.