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Title: Need to increase the quota of kerosene for Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR (ZAHEERABAD): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to allocate more kerosene to Andhra Pradesh in view of the huge demand from the people.

The poor people of the State of Andhra Pradesh are completely depended on the use of kerosene in their daily day-to-day life for various needs. During the last few months, the Ministry is allocating 55,382 litres of kerosene to Andhra Pradesh. But for the month of May this year, only 49,644 litres of Kerosene was allotted. It means that nearly 6000 litres of Kerosene allocation was reduced. Due to this, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to reduce the Kerosene supply from 8 litres to 6 litres to the people for the current month of May. It is worth mentioning here that in the year 2005, the people used to get 23 litres of kerosene. But in the month of January this year, it was 10 litres, and in March, it was 8 litres. Now, in the month of May, it came to 6 litres per month. Lakhs of people have no gas connections in Andhra Pradesh and if the Government goes ahead with such decision, poor people will be put to many hardships in their daily day-today life. So, there is a dire need to increase the kerosene quota to Andhra Pradesh immediately.

I, therefore, request the concerned Hon'ble Minister to allocate more kerosene to Andhra Pradesh immediately.