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Title: Need to increase the allotment of kerosene to Tamil Nadu under Public Distribution system.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Progressive reduction in allotment of kerosene to Tamil Nadu by the Central Government under Public Distribution system has consequently caused scarcity leading to the plight of the poor families in the State. A substantial number of the population in Tamil Nadu does not have LPG connections and is dependent on kerosene for cooking purposes. The scarcity of LPG results in delay in getting the re-filled cylinders.

In Tamil Nadu, kerosene is predominately used for cooking by the downtrodden sections of the society. In Tamil Nadu there are more than 1,02,23,981 families with no LPG connection and 49.38 lakh with single LPG connection and both these categories are supplied with kerosene. Since there is acute shortage of electricity, kerosene is being used for illumination. The required quota of kerosene for Tamil Nadu is 65,140 Kilo Litre per month. Now it has been reduced to 29,060 Kilo Litre. Hence, there is a need to adopt a rational approach by the Central Government in allotment of kerosene to Tamil Nadu based on actual need and entitlement as demanded by the Government of Tamil Nadu.