

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to increase the quota of non-subsidised PDS Kerosene to Kerala.

DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson. I wish to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to the reduction in funds allotted for the provision of nonsubsidised kerosene through the Public Distribution System. This supply particularly is vital for the fisherfolk who rely on kerosene as the fuel for their fishing boats. For the year 2021-22, Kerala has been allotted 15,108 Kilolitres of non-subsidised PDS kerosene which is grossly insufficient to meet the needs of the fisheries sector, that is the backbone of the State's economy.

I, therefore, urge the Minister to further increase the quota of non-subsidised PDS kerosene available to Kerala, keeping in mind its immense importance to the State's economic well-being as well as that of the fishing community that has been grappling with serious challenges due to the pandemic.... (*Interruptions*)