

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SCARCITY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 310 dated march 24, 2005 regarding 'Export of Petroleum Products' and state:

- (a) whether the export of petroleum products has caused scarcity of these products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. At present, exports of petroleum products are freely allowed except for kerosene and LPG, for which no objection certificate from MoP&NG is required. This provision has been made with a view to ensuring adequate availability of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG, which are subsidized products of mass consumption, in the domestic market before allowing their exports.