

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

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SHORTAGE OF LPG

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the assurance given by the Government for normal supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), the shortage of supply of LPG cylinder remains ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) if not, the reasons for which more than one cylinder is not being given to customers on demand ; and

(d) the steps the Government proposes to take to ensure supply of at least two cylinders per customer per month on demand ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The temporary shortage of LPG had emerged from September 2005 largely on account of non-materialization of some additional LPG imports planned by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), shutdown of RIL's refinery for the period from 4th October to 1st December 2005 and some unplanned shut downs of other refineries / fractionators in the country during the current year. Normal production of the RIL refinery has resumed from 1st December 2005. Also, OMCs have imported LPG over and above their originally planned quantities. The situation is expected to improve and normalize in the coming few weeks.

(c) & (d) : Domestic LPG is a subsidized product. While OMCs are making all efforts to meet the genuine demand of the customers, there is also a need to keep a check to prevent diversion of domestic LPG cylinders for unauthorized use. Thus, supply of at least two cylinders per customer per month on demand cannot be ensured.