

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

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BUFFER STOCK OF KEROSENE AND LPG

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

- (a) whether the stock of Kerosene oil and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is receding fast and some parts of the country is experiencing acute shortage of Kerosene oil;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to make buffer stock of Kerosene and Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : PDS kerosene is an allocated product and the Government of India allocates it to the States on quarterly basis. The distribution of PDS Kerosene to the consumers is handled by the State Governments. As of 24.07.06, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) had overall Kerosene stocks at their supply locations in various State sufficient to meet 23 days requirement on all India basis. In addition to PDS Kerosene, oil companies sell free market Kerosene as per requirements.

As regards LPG, as on 24.07.06, OMCs had overall LPG stocks at their supply locations in various States sufficient to meet 11.5 days requirement on all India basis.

(b) There is no proposal with the Government to make buffer stock of kerosene and LPG in the country.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise in view of (b) above.