

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

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SHORTAGE OF LPG CYLINDERS

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of LPG cylinders in the country ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; (
- (c) the names of the States where scarcity of LPG cylinders prevails ;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that due to shortage of LPG cylinders LPG suppliers in certain places particularly in South Tamil Nadu do not register New Gas Connections ;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ; and
- (f) the time by which the situations is likely to be improved ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any acute shortage of LPG cylinders in the country. However, OMCs have reported some shortage in the supply of new LPG cylinders in the State of Kerala due to inadequate supply of cylinders by cylinder manufacturers. The situation is likely to improve from April, 2007 onwards.

(d) to (f) : No, Sir. Requests for new LPG connections are being registered by the OMCs and are being released to the genuine customers throughout the country, including South Tamil Nadu.