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Title : Need to set up an LPG bottling plant at Kottayam, Kerala.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): There has been persistent shortage of LPG cooking gas in central Kerala resulting in huge backlogs on bookings for refills by LPG customers. It transpires that the sole reason for the shortage is the inability of the existing bottling plants to cope up with the increasing demand for LPG in Central Kerala and even to service the existing consumers. Further, accentuating the problem is the distance between the retail outlet and the location of the existing bottling plants which are capable to serve areas only within a limited radius of 50 K.M. Thus the only solution is to decentralize the bottling operations to new locations in order that consumers are assured of timely supplies. Presently, the districts of Kottayam, Idukki and Pathanamthitta with a large concentration of LPG consumers fall much beyond the fringe areas of the existing bottling plants.

I would, therefore, urge the Central Government to take immediate steps to set up an LPG bottling plant at Kottayam, to free the consumers in central Kerala from dependence on existing bottling plants located far away. The proposed new LPG bottling plant at Kottayam would ensure timely delivery to local network of LPG distributors thereby serving the consumers more efficiently.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 24th November, 2010 at 11 a.m.

12.04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on

Wednesday, November 24, 2010 / Agrahayana 3, 1932 (Saka).

