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Title : Need to provide adequate & timely supply of LPG refill cylinders in Kerala.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): The irregular distribution system of LPG cylinders is a major issue in Kerala. Households continue to face long waiting periods for LPG refills for their cooking purposes. Consumers, who earlier used to have a cylinder refill within a span of two to three weeks, are now forced to wait for over two months for getting a refilled cylinder. The norm is to refill each gas cylinder of a customer in 21 days on an average. But in Kerala the local agencies/distributors are telling to consumers that the supply of refilled cylinders are at a lowest level and the stock is not provided by companies. But the common people suspect that large scale diversion of subsidized LPG cylinders for commercial use, bypassing the rules, has resulted in the persistent shortage of this essential product. The agencies are booking orders, within a regular period and the distribution system has totally collapsed. As a central subject, the Union Government should ensure proper distribution system of LPG to households. Also, transparent distribution procedures for refilled cylinders should be consistently implemented by every gas company. As a public concern, customers' grievances should be addressed properly and regularly by the related Ministries of State and Central Government or companies and an urgent remedy for the issue should be found.