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Title: Regarding shortage of LPG in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI O.S. MANIAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Thank you. Hon. Madam Speaker, LPG cooking gas shortage has been looming large over Tamil Nadu for quite some time. Some time back, the strike by Transport Owners' Association has affected the LPG supply. LPG tank owners' strike went on for some time. As a result the existing stocks in Tamil Nadu got exhausted. This situation led to serious refilling of LPG. It took more than 45 days to refill. This situation is still prevailing. This is all because of the strike and the callous approach of the Central Government towards the striking LPG tankers. Ultimately, sufferers were the LPG customers who had to bear the brunt. All this has happened while the Central Government has earlier assured the Association that the rates would be revised by the end of February, but nothing has been done to resolve the issue.

Apart from the above, it is evident that there is less supply of LPG to Tamil Nadu to the tune of 40 per cent. To tide over the situation, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, through you, Madam, to increase the allocation of LPG supply to Tamil Nadu by 40 per cent so that those who use LPG for domestic use as well as industrial and hospital purposes would have a sigh of relief.

I would strongly urge the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to increase the allotment by 40 per cent so that customers in Tamil Nadu who use their LPG need not face such a situation in future.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri Sivasami may be allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri O.S. Manian.

श्री वरिन्द्र कुमार (टीकमगढ़): अध्यक्ष महोदया, मैं अपने को श्री भूपेन्द्र सिंह द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।