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Title: Issue regarding shortage of LPG in Salem, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Mr. Chairman Sir, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue in this House.

Sir, Tamil Nadu is facing shortage of Liquified Petroleum Gas at present. Domestic consumers have to wait for about two months for refilling of their cylinders. The inordinate delay causes great hardship to the consumers especially the women folk. The reason stated for the delay in supply is shut down of Mangalore LPG Import Terminal. Whatever may be the reason for this situation, since this is an essential and inevitable domestic requirement, continuing further hardship is not desirable.

I have been told that the LPG stock in the country is about 2.90 lakh tonnes which roughly covers only six days. In Tamil Nadu, bottling has been stopped in many plants. This is a panicky situation and needs to be addressed urgently.

In Salem, my constituency, the situation is still more worse. The dealers are not entertaining the requests from the consumers for refilling their cylinders if the gap between supply and the request for refilling is less than 30 days.

So, I request the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to intervene and ease the situation and avert a grave crisis.

At this juncture, I would also draw the attention of the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to the prevailing shortage in the supply of diesel also due to the closure of MRPL at Mangalore due to water shortage.

So, I request the hon. Minister to make alternative arrangements for despatching the required quantum of diesel to Tamil Nadu as an emergent measure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, the 11th May, 2012.

18.53 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Friday, May 11, 2012/Vaisakha 21, 1934(Saka).

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