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Title: Regarding appointing two gas agencies at Thali and Kelamangalam.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): In my constituency Krishnagiri, there are 24000 LPG consumers in Denkanikottai Taluk Headquarter. These consumers are from 10 village Panchayats in Kelamangalam Union and one Town Panchayat in Kelamangalam and 19 Village Panchayat in Thali union.

In Thali, Union 19 village Panchayats have 5000 consumers; 10 village Panchayats and one town Panchayat in Kelamangalam union have 6000 consumers. Denkanikottai is 12 km. away from Kelamangalam and 16 km. away from Thali. People in Thali have to drive 16 km. and people in Kelamangalam have to drive 12 km. to get gas cylinders at Denkanikottai gas agency. The public transporters do not allow people to carry the gas cylinders in their buses. Due to the moment of wild animals crossing the road from the forest, poor people have to face another burden of conveyance charges. The gas agency retailers deliver cylinders only on particular days at Kelamangalam union and Thali union areas. So the daily wages people and farmers are facing difficulty in getting gas cylinders on a regular basis.

So, I urge upon the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, through you, to appoint two Gas Agencies at Thali and Kelamangalam areas. Thank you.