

MR. CHAIRMAN: You please come to your seat. (*Interruptions*)... You speak from your seat. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, (*Interruptions*).... as the required environmental clearance has been obtained, why could not the pipeline be done? (*Interruptions*).... Sir, after the (*Interruptions*).... we started the process of.... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 186. (*Interruptions*).... Mr. Ram Jethmalani.

*186. [The questioners (Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and Shri Ram Jethmalani) were absent. For answer *vide* page 19.]

(*Interruptions*)... Q. No. 187. Mr. Dipankar Mukherjee. (*Interruptions*)...

Shutdown by LPG producing plants

*187. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:†

SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unforeseen shutdowns in LPG producing plants in public and private sector refineries during last six months, month-wise;

(b) whether a planned shutdown for 45 days was resorted to by Jamnagar Refinery from 4th October, 2005;

(c) if so, its impact on LPG shortage in the country in domestic sector; and

(d) the reason, for permitting such planned shutdown during peak demand in festive season?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Dipankar Mukherjee.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Due to planned and unforeseen shutdowns by refineries, there has been a reduction in the actual production of LPG vis-a-vis production planned originally during the current year. The month-wise details of production of LPG for the period April-October, 2005 are given in the Statement-I (See below).

The details of shutdowns, planned and unforeseen, of various major units in public and private sector refineries during April-October, 2005 are given in Statement-II (See below).

(b) A planned shutdown for Reliance India Limited (RIL) Refinery at Jamnagar was taken with effect from 4th October, 2005. Production was restored on 1st December, 2005.

(c) As the Jamnagar Refinery accounts for about one-third of the domestic production of LPG, the Reliance shutdown made it necessary to effect imports at just the time the international market for LPG was severely hit by hurricanes like Katrina, Rita and Wilmar and ONGC gas production was temporarily affected by the BHN fire.

(d) While the planned shutdown of the refineries is essential for maintenance requirements and the safety of refinery units, and the permission of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is not required for such shutdowns, it is a fact that the Reliance shutdown was initially planned for April-May, later changed to August-September and finally took place in October-November, 2005. Precisely because the shutdown was eventually scheduled for the festive season, the Ministry proactively interacted with Reliance to further postpone the shutdown. Reliance pleaded that for technical reasons, it was not possible for them to shift the shutdown till after the festive season. Repeated postponements and the decision to close down at the height of the festive season certainly complicated matters for the OMCs as Reliance accounts for nearly one-third of domestic LPG production.

Statement-I
The month-wise details of production of LPG for the period April-October, 2005

Sl. No.	Opening Stock Expected Production	APR '05			MAY '05			REMARKS	(Figure in TMT)
		EST	ACT	+/-	EST	ACT	+/-		
		333			283				
	(a) Refineries								
1.	HPC, Mumbai	7.0	0.0	-7.0	16.0	2.9	-13.1	Planned shutdown extended	
2.	BPC, Mumbai	30.0	31.6	1.6	30.0	32.3	2.3		
3.	KRL	8.0	17.7	9.7	13.0	4.6	-8.4	Planned shutdown	
4.	CPCL	32.0	30.6	-1.4	36.0	28.6	-7.4	Power tripping	
5.	HPC, Vizag	25.0	25.7	0.7	27.0	27.5	0.5		
6.	IOC, Haldia	5.0	4.5	-0.5	13.0	12.0	-1.0		
7.	IOC, Koyali	14.0	15.7	1.7	13.0	14.4	1.4		
8.	IOC, Barauni	22.0	22.2	0.2	21.0	26.1	5.1	Unplanned shutdown	
9.	IOC, Mathura	21.0	18.5	-2.5	24.0	21.5	-2.5		
10.	IOC, Guwahati	4.0	3.1	-0.9	3.3	3.1	-0.2		
11.	IOC, Digboi	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.2		
12.	IOC, Cauvery	2.0	2.1	0.1	2.0	0.9	-1.1		
13.	Numaligarh	2.6	2.9	0.3	3.0	1.4	-1.6	Unplanned shutdown	
14.	BRPL	4.4	3.8	-0.6	4.0	4.6	0.6		
15.	MRPL	23.0	20.7	-2.3	23.0	20.4	-2.6	Unplanned shutdown	
16.	IOC, Panipat	21.0	23.9	2.9	22.0	22.2	0.2		
17.	Reliance	225.0	189.9	-35.1	232.0	203.7	-28.3	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	
	(b) Fractionators								
18.	AOD, Oil	4.5	4.4	-0.1	4.5	4.5	0.0		
19.	ONGC, Ankleshwar	1.2	1.1	-0.1	1.0	1.1	0.1		
20.	ONGC, Uran	25.0	35.2	10.2	42.0	31.8	-10.2	Shutdown	
21.	ONGC, Hazira	51.0	49.6	-1.4	52.0	47.5	-4.5	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	
22.	GAIL, Vijapur	39.0	34.6	-4.4	37.0	38.5	1.5		
23.	GAIL, Gandhar	18.0	14.7	-4.3	22.0	23.2	1.2		
24.	GAIL, Vagodia	7.0	6.2	-0.8	6.0	6.6	0.6		
25.	ONGC, Gandhar	4.4	3.3	-1.1	4.0	3.5	-0.5		
26.	GAIL, Ussar	7.8	3.2	-4.6	2.0	2.2	0.2		
27.	GAIL, Auriya	22.8	16.7	-5.9	21.0	20.8	-0.2		
28.	GAIL, Lakwa	2.0	1.9	-0.1	2.0	1.4	-0.6		

PLANTS		(Figure in TMT)									
Sl. No.	Opening Stock Expected Production	JUN '05		REMARKS	JUL '05		REMARKS				
		EST	ACT +/-		EST	ACT +/-					
(a) Refineries											
1.	HPC, Mumbai	15.0	9.0	-6.0	Delay in Stabilisation after S/D	16.0	16.1	0.1			
2.	BPC, Mumbai	30.0	31.5	1.5		30.0	27.3	-2.7	Reduced prodn. due to floods		
3.	KRL	43.0	6.5	-36.5	Planned shutdown	42.3	29.8	-12.5	Delayed start up after S/D		
4.	CPCL	34.0	29.7	-4.3	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	35.0	30.0	-5.0	Reduced prodn. Number		
5.	HPC, Vizag	21.0	24.1	3.1		21.0	17.5	-3.5	Unplanned shutdown		
6.	IOC, Haldia	13.0	12.4	-0.6		15.0	15.2	0.2			
7.	IOC, Koyali	15.0	12.0	-3.1		38.0	22.9	-15.1	Delayed startup after S/D		
8.	IOC, Barauni	23.0	21.9	-1.1		8.0	21.8	13.8	Shutdown did not take place		
9.	IOC, Mathura	22.0	21.9	-0.1		24.0	25.7	1.7			
10.	IOC, Guwahati	1.5	3.3	1.8		3.4	2.4	-1.0			
11.	IOC, Digboi	1.0	1.0	0.0		1.0	1.0	0.0			
12.	IOC, Cauvery	2.0	3.0	1.0		2.0	1.6	-0.4			
13.	Numaligarh	5.0	2.8	-2.2	Unplanned shutdown	5.0	4.6	-0.4			
14.	BRPL	3.5	4.7	1.2		4.0	4.1	0.1			
15.	MRPL	22.0	18.2	-3.8	Unplanned shutdown	23.0	24.8	1.8			
16.	IOC, Panipat	19.0	21.4	2.4		22.0	20.1	-1.9			
17.	Reliance	230.0	187.9	-42.1	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	230.0	207.4	-22.6	Less prodn. over tabled nos.		
(b) Fractionators											
18.	AOD, Oil	4.5	1.5	-3.0	Unplanned shutdown	4.5	3.9	-0.6			
19.	ONGC, Ankleshwar	1.0	0.9	-0.1		1.0	0.9	-0.1			
20.	ONGC, Hazira	40.0	35.2	-4.8	Unplanned shutdown	42.0	35.8	-6.2	Bombay High fire		
21.	ONGC, Ujan	50.0	46.9	-3.1	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	52.0	48.7	-3.3	Less prodn. over tabled nos.		
22.	GAIL, Vijapur	37.0	37.6	0.6		37.0	37.3	0.3			
23.	GAIL, Gandhar	22.0	21.9	-0.1		22.0	18.9	-3.1	Less prodn. over tabled nos.		
24.	GAIL, Vagodia	6.0	5.9	-0.1		6.0	6.0	0.0			
25.	ONGC, Gandhar	4.0	2.9	-1.1		4.0	2.6	-1.4			
26.	GAIL, Ussar	2.0	3.4	1.4		2.0	2.0	0.0			
27.	GAIL, Auriya	21.0	18.2	-2.8	Less availability of gas	21.0	6.7	-14.3	Emergency planned shutdown		
28.	GAIL, Lakwa	2.0	1.5	-0.5		2.0	1.2	-0.8			

(Figure in TMT)

Sl.No.	Opening Stock Expected Production	AUG'05			Remarks	SEP'05			Remarks
		27				189			
		EST	ACT	+/-		EST	ACT	+/-	
(a) Refineries,									
1	HPC, Mumbai	16.0	11.9	-4.1	Reduced prodn. due to floods	15.0	18.9	3.9	
2	BPC, Mumbai	30.0	25.8	-4.2	Reduced prodn. due to floods	30.0	29.5	-0.5	
3	KRL	43.3	30.6	-12.7	FCCU problem	42.6	30.3	-12.3	FCCU problem
4	CPCL	36.0	30.6	-5.4	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	34.0	30.5	-3.5	Less prodn. over tabled nos.
5	HPC, Vizag	21.0	10.5	-10.5	Unplanned shutdown	27.0	15.6	-11.4	Unplanned shutdown
6	IOC, Haldia	15.0	16.4	1.4		12.0	15.2	3.2	
7	IOC, Koyali	38.0	24.0	-14.0	Less pron. over tabled nos.	36.0	28.5	-7.5	Less prodn. over tabled nos.
8	IOC, Barauni	20.0	17.5	-2.6	Unplanned shutdown	22.0	23.2	1.2	
9	IOC, Mathura	22.0	23.4	1.4		24.0	6.9	-17.1	Emergency planned shutdown
10	IOC, Guwahati	3.4	3.6	0.2		3.2	2.3	-0.9	
11	IOC, Digboi	1.0	0.6	-0.4		1.0	0.9	-0.1	
12	IOC, Cauvery	2.0	2.0	0.0		2.0	2.2	0.2	
13	Numaligarh	5.0	4.9	-0.1		2.0	4.4	0.4	
14	BRPL	4.0	2.6	-1.4	Unplanned shutdown	5.0	4.6	-0.4	
15	MRPL	23.0	21.2	-1.9	Unplanned shutdown	22.0	21.0	-1.0	
16	IOC, Panipat	22.0	19.3	-2.7	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	20.0	18.5	-1.5	Less prodn. over tabled nos.
17	Reliance	230.0	198.2	-31.8	Unplanned shutdown FCCU	200.0	170.0	-30.0	Unplanned shutdown FCCU
(b) Fractionators									
18	AOD, Oil	4.5	4.2	-0.3		4.5	3.7	-0.8	
19	ONGC, Ankleshwar	1.0	1.2	0.2		1.0	1.0	0.0	
20	ONGC, Uran	42.0	31.6	-10.4	Bombay High fire	40.0	38.3	-1.7	
21	ONGC, Hazira	52.0	48.2	-3.8	Less prodn. over tabled nos.	50.0	48.1	-3.9	Less prodn. over tabled nos.
22	GAIL, Vijaiapur	37.0	31.0	-6.0	Unplanned shutdown	37.0	34.0	-3.0	Less prodn. over tabled nos.
23	GAIL, Gandhar	22.0	23.2	1.2		22.0	21.9	-0.1	
24	GAIL, Vagodia	6.0	6.4	0.4		6.0	6.7	0.7	
25	ONGC, Gandhar	4.0	3.0	-1.0		4.0	2.5	-1.5	
26	GAIL, Ussar	2.0	0.5	-1.5	Less availability of gas	2.0	5.1	3.1	
27	GAIL, Auriya	21.0	19.5	-1.5		21.0	17.5	-3.5	
28	GAIL, Lakawa	2.0	1.4	-0.6		2.0	1.4	-0.6	

(Figure in TMT)

Sl. No.	Opening Stock Expected production	OCT '05		Remarks
		EST	ACT	
				190 +/-
(a) Refineries.				
1.	HPC, Mumbai	16.0	12.3	Unplanned shutdown -3.7
2.	BPC, Mumbai	32.0	33.2	Unplanned shutdown 1.2
3.	KRL	43.1	24.6	Power tripping -18.5
4.	CPCL	35.0	31.8	Unplanned shutdown -3.2
5.	HPC, Vizag	27.0	15.5	Unplanned shutdown -11.5
6.	IOC, Haldia	15.0	15.1	0.1
7.	IOC, Koyali	38.0	30.8	Less prodn. over tabled nos. -7.2
8.	IOC, Barauni	23.0	24.9	1.9
9.	IOC, Mathura	24.0	26.3	2.3
10.	IOC, Guwahati	3.4	4.3	0.9
11.	IOC, Digboi	1.0	0.8	-0.2
12.	IOC, Cauvery	2.0	2.0	0.0
13.	Numaligarh	5.0	4.4	-0.6
14.	BRPL	4.0	4.2	0.2
15.	MRPL	23.0	20.6	-2.4
16.	IOC, Panipat	25.0	21.0	-4.0
17.	Reliance	134.0	48.7	Unplanned shutdown Less prodn. over tabled nos. Planned shutdown -85.3
(b) Fractionators				
18.	AOD, Oil	4.5	4.4	-0.2
19.	ONGC, Ankleshwar	1.0	0.8	-0.2
20.	ONGC, Uran	42.0	41.7	-0.3
21.	ONGC, Hazira	47.0	48.6	2.6
22.	GAIL, Vijapur	37.0	35.7	-1.3
23.	GAIL, Gandhar	22.0	16.1	-5.9
24.	GAIL, Vagodia	6.0	6.8	0.8
25.	ONGC, Gandhar	4.0	2.6	-1.4
26.	GAIL, Usar	2.0	7.5	5.5
27.	GAIL, Auriya	21.0	18.9	-2.1
28.	GAIL, Lakwa	2.0	1.7	-0.3

Statement-II**Shutdown details of LPG producing units for the period Apr—Oct., 2005**

Units	HPC- Mumbai	HPC- Visakh BPC	KRL	NRL	IOC KOY	IOC MAT	IOC PAN	IOC HAL	IOC BAR	IOC- GUW	IOC-CPCL- Dig Manali	CBR	BRPL	ONGC-ONGC- Tatipa MRPL	RIL
UNIT SHUTDOWN (DAYS)															
CRUDE UNIT	59.6	48.4	156.0	41.7	15.0	4.6	22.6	0.7	24.1	109.2	50.2	2.7	5.4	11.0	21.0
CRUDE UNIT	43.3	37.5		31.7		3.5	5.7	0.7	15.7	20.3		1.8	9.5		
CRUDE UNIT-III						27.0						5.9			
CRUDE UNIT-IV						128.9									
CRUDE UNIT-V						41.2									
CATALYTIC	90.8	46.6		82.9		97.6	35.0		29.9	44.4		6.0			31.0
CATALYTIC CRACKING -II	34.4														
HYDROCRACKER-I			28.0	72.5	26.8	9.5					7.0			6.0	
HYDROCRACKER-II														24.0	
COKER-I									138.2				45.4		16.0
COKER-II									49.1				24.5		
VIS-BREAKER			214.0		13.4	35.7		19.4			56.5			30.0	

श्री दीपांकर मुखर्जी: हिन्दुस्तान की जनता को एल.पी.जी को लेकर बड़ी तकलीफ है ... (व्यवधान)... ऐसी हालत में ... (व्यवधान)... सभापति जी ... (व्यवधान)... Sir, on this day when the Babri Masjid was destroyed ... (Interruptions)... Sir, on this day when the Babri Masjid was destroyed, on the same day, when the Constitutional system was subverted by the same set of people ... (Interruptions)... I cannot ask a question on a public issue ... (Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. ... (Interruptions)... you only put the question. ... (Interruptions)...

श्री दीपांकर मुखर्जी: हां, सर, क्वेश्चन है ... (व्यवधान)... क्वेश्चन नं. 187 ... (व्यवधान)... (व्यवधान)... मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि एल० पी० जी० की शॉर्टेज के बारे में अभी आप क्या-क्या और स्टेप ... (व्यवधान)... करने वाले हैं? ... (व्यवधान)... आप एल० पी० जी० समझते हैं ... (व्यवधान)... एल.पी.जी. गैस ... (व्यवधान)... गैस ... (व्यवधान)... या बाबरी मस्जिद समझते हैं ... (व्यवधान)... एल.पी.जी. ... (व्यवधान)... एल० पी० जी० ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: आप क्वेश्चन के बारे में बोलिए, क्वेश्चन के बारे में ... (व्यवधान)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, please ask the schools not to send the children here (Interruptions)... Sir, please ask the schools not to send the children here. (Interruptions)...

श्री मणि शंकर अय्यर: सभापति जी, इसी हफ्ते ... (व्यवधान)... सर्वे में दिखाया था कि ... (व्यवधान)... एल.पी.जी. और केरोसीन पर एक ... (व्यवधान)... गैस ... (व्यवधान)... ले आएंगी और ... (व्यवधान)... इसका नोटिस ... (व्यवधान)... मिलने पर हम इन दोनों विषयों पर ... (व्यवधान)... इस पर ... (व्यवधान)... बहस करें ... (व्यवधान)... इसके लिए इंतजाम कर रखा ... (व्यवधान)... और मैं चाहता हूँ कि इन चीजों को किया जाए ... (व्यवधान)... फिलहाल हमें जो बताया गया है ... (व्यवधान)... फिलहाल मैं मानता हूँ कि एल.पी.जी. ... (व्यवधान)... बढ़ी है ... (व्यवधान)... लेकिन इसका मूल कारण यह है कि 4 अक्टूबर से लेकर ... (व्यवधान)... इस महीने की शुरुआत में निजी क्षेत्र में जो रिफाइनरी है ... (व्यवधान)... जामनगर में ... (व्यवधान)... उसके ... (व्यवधान)... पड़ा है ... (व्यवधान)... और इसी कारण हमारा एक तिहाई घरेलू उत्पादन इसी ... (व्यवधान)... रिफाइनरी से आता है ... (व्यवधान)... यह लाजिमी है कि ... (व्यवधान)... जब वह बंद हुआ ... (व्यवधान)... तब से कमी है ... (व्यवधान)... हमने इसका आयात करने का इंतजाम किया था ... (व्यवधान)... लेकिन जो हरिकेन रीट, कैंटरीना और विलमार अमरीका में हुए ... (व्यवधान)... इसके कारण अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में एल.पी.जी. की अचानक किल्लत पैदा हुई है ... (व्यवधान)... इसलिए जिस पैमाने पर हम आयात करना चाहते थे, उसमें कुछ कमी रही। अक्टूबर-नवंबर में हमने तय किया कि हम यहां की inventory को कम करेंगे और बाद में जब आयात हो जाता है, तब inventory में जो कमी रहेगी, उसको

हम बढ़ा देंगे ... (व्यवधान)... तो ऐसे कदम हम उठा रहे हैं और मैं उम्मीद रखता हूँ कि इनके माध्यम से जनता की जो पीड़ा है, वह कम होगी ... (व्यवधान)...

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is a very important question about shutdowns in ... (Interruptions)... I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the shutdowns in LPG producing plants were done deliberately ... (Interruptions)... If so, what is the Government doing to protect the interests of the consumers? ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, the hon. Member wants to know ... (Interruptions)... It is difficult to accept this allegation ... (Interruptions)... that it was done deliberately ... (Interruptions)... But the fact of the matter is when we were first intimated about the shutdowns, it was proposed much earlier in the year ... (Interruptions)... Subsequently, there were several ... (Interruptions)... Then we found that ... (Interruptions)... the shutdowns would take place. We had a discussion with the ... (Interruptions)... We did not expect that ... (Interruptions)... the shutdowns would take place at the height of the ... (Interruptions)... We attempted to persuade them to postpone the shutdowns. (Interruptions). But they pleaded that for technical reasons it would become... (Interruptions)... the period for which the shutdown was initially indicated. Then it was extended to 60 days. I do apologise to the people for the shortage during the festive season... (Interruptions).

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: सभापति जी, Reliance के बचाव के लिए ये कह रहे हैं सर ... (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Come to your question... (Interruptions)

श्रीमती वृंदा कारत: मेरा मंत्री महोदय से यह सवाल है कि इन्होंने अपने बयान में जो कहा है कि Reliance की तरफ से एक-तिहाई गैस सिलेंडर्स कम निकल रहे हैं ... (व्यवधान) जब इनको यह मालूम था तो इन्होंने ... (व्यवधान)... मंत्री जी इसका जवाब दें ... (व्यवधान)...

श्री मणि शंकर अय्यर: सभापति जी, हम तो कानून के अनुसार ही काम करते हैं और कानून में ऐसा कोई प्रावधान नहीं है कि जब तक एक निजी रिफाइनरी हमें यह न बताए कि हमको shut-down करना है, तब तक हम उनको मजबूर नहीं कर सकते (व्यवधान) हां, हम यह कर सकते हैं कि उनसे सीधी बात कर सकते हैं, उनसे अनुरोध कर सकते हैं, उनको बता सकते हैं कि जनता की मुश्किलें क्या होती हैं, उनको समझा सकते हैं कि पूजा आने वाली है, इसके बाद दशहरा है, उसके बाद दीवाली अपने वाली है, फिर ईद आने वाली है, यह सब हमने उनको समझाया, लेकिन उन्होंने हमको बताया कि तकनीकी कारणों से उनको इस समय इस

रिफाइनरी को बंद करना पड़ रहा है ...(व्यवधान) तब हमने इसका आयात करना शुरू किया ...(व्यवधान) मुझे लगता है कि इन लोगों को जनता की पीड़ा की चिंता नहीं है ...(व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति: सदन की कार्यवाही 12 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at twenty-six minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

Mr. Deputy Chairman *in the Chair*.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Plans for development of tourism

*181. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that perspective plans of 20 years for developing tourism in the States have been prepared;

(b) if so, the details and the target of these plans; and

(c) the details of plans envisaged in respect to Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad objectives of the perspective plans for the States were to:

- (i) assess the existing tourism scenario in the States;
- (ii) review the status of existing development/investment plans;
- (iii) evaluate the existing potential tourist destinations;
- (iv) develop sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;
- (v) identify the existing as well as new tourism projects that have potential for development;
- (vi) give plans with short term and long term targets;
- (vii) indicate the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and