

(c) There is no direct link between the study and Government's price policy. Government receives and notes many such papers.

Global prices of crude oil and petroleum products play the main role in the domestic pricing of petroleum products since around 75 per cent of the country's domestic consumption demand is fulfilled through imports. The price of crude oil and petroleum products in the international oil markets has increased sharply and resulted in massive under-recoveries by oil marketing companies (OMCs). The Government recently took several steps to curtail this which included: (a) authorizing OMCs in January 2013 to increase the retail selling price of Diesel in the range of 40 paise to 50 paise per litre per month (excluding VAT as applicable in different State/Union Territories) until further orders; and (b) sell Diesel to all consumers taking bulk supplies directly from the installations of the OMCs at the non-subsidized market determined price effective from 18th January 2013.

However, in order to insulate the common man from the impact of rise in international oil prices and the domestic inflationary conditions, the Government continues to modulate the Retail Selling Price (RSP) of Diesel (partially) among other petroleum products. Based on the Refinery Gate Price effective 16.02.2013, the OMCs are currently incurring under-recovery of Rs.10.27 per litre on sale of Diesel. The primary objective behind the pricing reforms is the growing imperative for fiscal consolidation, the need for reducing the subsidy burden on petroleum products so as to allocate more funds to social sector schemes for the common man and for ensuring country's energy security in the long term.

Shortage of LPG supply in Andhra Pradesh

*107. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T: Will the Minister OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of LPG supplies in the Southern States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh (AP);
- (b) if so, the details of shortage of LPG in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, month-wise and company-wise;
- (c) the reasons therefor;
- (d) the manner in which the Ministry is planning to resolve the shortage;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that OMCs have made Aadhaar mandatory to book LPG cylinder; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that there is no shortage of LPG supply in the Southern States including the State of Andhra Pradesh and they are meeting the demand of the customers registered with them. However, if backlog gets generated due to uncontrollable/ unavoidable reasons, the same is tided over by augmenting supplies to the affected markets by operating the bottling plants on Sundays/ holidays.

The company wise reasons for backlog for the last two years is given in Statement-I, II and III (*See below*).

(e) and (f) OMCs have reported that they have not made Aadhar mandatory to book an LPG cylinder.

Statement-I

The month-wise backlog for the last two years in the State of Andhra Pradesh and reasons thereof with respect to Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC)

As on closing of Backlog (in MTs)		Reasons for Backlog
1	2	3
September, 2012	789	All India Bandh on 20.09.2012, On-going festival & peak demand/ winter season, Truck movement/ cylinder deliveries affected due to Ganesha festival immersion since the 19.09.2012 and due to Telangana agitation/ bandh on 30.09.2012
May, 2012	1639	Accumulated backlog of previous months.
April, 2012	2289	Accumulated backlog of previous month and bulk shortage due to bulk LPG

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		transporters' strike. Curfew imposed in some parts of Hyderabad hampering movement of trucks and delivery vehicles.
March, 2012	2310	Accumulated backlog of previous month and further shortage of bulk LPG due to Transporters again going on strike.
February, 2012	1118	Agitations regarding Telangana issues affecting BPs, transportation, functioning of Distributors, increase in demand due to Festival/ winter season & seasonal increase in consumption etc., Contract labour problems at Plants, Occassional bulk dry out, Shortage of LPG due to Bulk Transporters' strike, Sunday Bottling could not done at some bottling plants due to critical bulk stock and All India Industrial strike on 28.02.2012
December, 2011	1203	Accumulated backlog of previous months and occassional bulk dry out.
November, 2011	1681	Accumulated backlog of previous months and occassional bulk dry out.
October, 2011	3500	Agitations regarding Telangana issues affecting BPs, transportation, functioning of Distributors etc, Increase in demand due to Festival season & seasonal increase in consumption, Contract labour problems at Plants and Bulk LPG dry out at Cuddapah Plant.
September, 2011	1513	Agitations regarding Telangana issue affecting Bottling plants/, transportation and functioning of Distributors etc.

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June, 2011	1786	Non reporting of contract labourers in protest of delay in settlement of various demands such as wage deduction, increased wages, medical bills, transport subsidy, etc. Accumulated backlog of previous month.
May, 2011	2009	Seven days holidays/ Sundays in April 2011 leading to reduced bottling. 1 or 2 days lost due to contract labour issues. Accumulated backlog on account of Telangana agitation.
April, 2011	2190	Accumulated backlog of previous months due to widespread agitations in AP on the Telengana issue.
March, 2011	2147	Accumulated backlog of previous months due to widespread agitations in AP on the Telengana issue. Less bottling at Cherlapally BP on 22nd and 23rd Feb'11 and at Thimmapur BP on 22nd Feb'11.
February, 2011	2559	Bottling adversely affected at Cherlapally BP on 22nd and 23rd Feb'11 and at Thimmapur BP on 22nd Feb'11. LPG distributorships were closed on 23.2.11 in Telangana area of AP state due to bandh.
January, 2011	2386	Widespread agitations in AP in regards to the bifurcation of state and creation of Telengana leading disruption in working/ transportation/ deliveries of LPG network including trucks and distributorships. Bottling loss on 07.01.11 due to strike by workmen at all IOC LPG plants of APSO.

Statement-II

*The month-wise backlog for the last two years in the State of
Andhra Pradesh and reasons thereof with respect to
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)*

Period	MTs	Reasons
October-December, 2011	200	Minor Backlog on account of sporadic disruption of supplies due to Telangana stir.

Statement-III

*The month-wise backlog for the last two years in the State of
Andhra Pradesh and reasons thereof with respect to
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)*

Period	MTs	Reasons
January, 2011	100	Increase in refill booking due to festive season and disruption due to Telangana issue.
February, 2011	50	
March, 2012	718	Reduced availability of bulk LPG due to strike of bulk LPG transporter from 13 to 19 Jan, 2012, 4 day shut down at MLIF for maintenance, no bottling on 28.02.2012 due to strike by all India federation related to workmen, strike by Southern Region bulk transporters w.e.f. mid night of 29.09.2012. Disruption of Bottling Plants Operations, transportation and functioning of distribution due to Telangana issue.

Low power generation capacity in Bihar

*108. SHRI N. K. SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power generation capacity of Bihar, at 493 MW, is the lowest in the country;