

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 864
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2023

Supply of Kerosene

864. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the supply of kerosene to the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of kerosene supply to Tamil Nadu during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the demands of Tamil Nadu Government to increase the supply of kerosene;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to address the said demand?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) to (e) Government of India makes allocation of “Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene” to States/UTs including Tamil Nadu on quarterly basis for cooking and lighting purpose. PDS Kerosene allocation to States/UTs including Tamil Nadu have been rationalized since 2010- 11 considering the polluting nature of Kerosene and taking into account, factors such as increase in domestic LPG/PNG connections, electricity coverage, non-lifting of PDS Kerosene quota by the concerned States/UTs etc. Till date, 12 States/UTs have declared themselves as Kerosene free.

Government has empowered States/ UTs to draw an allocation of one month’s quota of PDS Kerosene at Non- Subsidized rates during each financial year for special needs such as Natural Calamities, Religious Functions, Fisheries, Various Yatras etc. States/UTs may seek further additional allocation after exhausting available quota.

Requests have been received from certain States including Tamil Nadu for increasing the allocation of PDS Kerosene. Such requests are processed, after considering the factors as mentioned above.

The allocation of Kerosene to the State of Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years is annexed.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No. 864 to be answered on 07.12.2023 asked by Shrimati Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, on “Supply of Kerosene”

(Figures in KL)

Year	PDS Kerosene		Non Subsidized PDS Kerosene	
	Allocation	Lapsed Quantity	Allocation	Lapsed Quantity
2018-19	193776	1	17040	17040
2019-20	145320	1	16140	16140
2020-21	129168	1	12108	12108
2021-22	90432	1	10764	10764
2022-23	54240	17	7536	7536
