

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Supply of LPG Cylinders in the Islands of Chetlat and Bitra, Lakshadweep**

815. Shri Muhammed Hamdullah Sayeed:

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the supply of LPG cylinders has not yet commenced in the islands of Chetlat and Bitra in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for inordinate delay in starting LPG supply in these islands;
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed for commencing the regular LPG distribution in Chetlat and Bitra, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted and safe LPG supply to all inhabited islands of Lakshadweep?

**ANSWER**

**पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री**  
**(श्री सुरेश गोपी)**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) to (d): Domestic LPG supplies in Lakshadweep island is solely done by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL). The UT of Lakshadweep islands constitutes of 10 inhabited islands, viz- Kavaratti, Androth, Minicoy, Amini, Agatti, Kadmat, Kalpeni, Kiltan, Chetlat & Bitra.

LPG cylinders are taken on ships/boats from Calicut bottling plant to various islands in the UT. Domestic LPG distribution to these islands is done by distributorship run by Lakshadweep Cooperative Marketing Federation (LCMF), a cooperative society under the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA). LCMF currently oversees the distribution of LPG cylinders across the UT of Lakshadweep through a network of godowns and extension counters.

Chetlat and Bitra are small islands with populations of only 2,347 and 271 people respectively, according to the 2011 Census. Residents of these islands avail LPG supplies from extension counters/godowns located in nearby islands currently.

To further improve the supply infrastructure in Chetlat and Bitra, UTLA has constructed dedicated LPG cylinder Godowns in these islands for use by LCMF.

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