

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4483
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th March, 2026

Shortage of LPG Cylinders in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

4483. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray:

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 acute shortage of LPG cylinders in various parts of the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands such as Guptapara, Wandoor, Ferrargunj Tehsil, Dairy Farm area of Sri Vijayapuram Tehsil, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to address the grievances and to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of LPG cylinders in the said areas; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint additional full-fledged LPG distributors as per the prescribed norms and to issue necessary directions to the concerned authorities to ensure uninterrupted and timely supply of LPG cylinders across all islands and if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed for implementation?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (c): Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) has informed that Domestic LPG supplies in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are primarily managed by IOCL. IOCL LPG bottling plant at Port Blair supplies LPG cylinders to all distributors of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Appointment of LPG distributorships by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is a continuous process and locations for setting up of LPG distributorships are identified and advertised as per Unified Selection Guidelines for LPG distributorships (USG)- 2016. There are 10 LPG distributors currently operating in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The details of currently operating LPG distributorships are at **Annexure-A**.

Guptapara, Wandoor, Ferrargunj and Dairy Farm areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are served by M/s Priya Indane. Further, Port Blair and six other distant markets i.e. Mayabunder, Neil, Havelock, Hutbay, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay, are served by M/s Consumers' Cooperative Stores Limited.

The average refill delivery time in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the current financial year (April 2025–February 2026) has remained less than one day. Further, total domestic LPG consumption in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands has increased from 12,125 MT in FY 2024–25 (April 2024 to February 2025) to 12,698 MT in FY 2025–26 (April 2025 to February 2026).

Annexure referred to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4483 to be answered on 19.03.2026 regarding “Shortage of LPG Cylinders in Andaman and Nicobar Islands” asked by Shri Bishnu Pada Ray.

Details of currently serving LPG distributorships in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

SI No	Distributorship Name	District
1	Amphibian Gas Agency	South Andaman
2	AsmaniIndane Service	North&Middle Andaman
3	G.K.Indane Service	South Andaman
4	Ideal Indane	North&Middle Andaman
5	Naval Indane	South Andaman
6	Priya Indane	South Andaman
7	Reem Indane Service	South Andaman
8	The Consumers Co-Op. Stores Ltd	South Andaman
9	Tribal Development Cooperative Society	Nicobar
10	BambooflatIndaneGraminVitrak	South Andaman

Source: IOCL on behalf of PSU OMCs