



Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies amid demand surge in Maharashtra

OMCs appeal to consumers to continue normal purchasing behaviour and avoid unnecessary panic buying

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Amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East impacting global supply chains, the Government of Maharashtra and PSU Oil Marketing Companies (BPCL, IOCL, and HPCL), through the State Level Coordinator (Oil Industry), Maharashtra, Shri Mihir Ganesh Joshi, have assured consumers that adequate petrol, diesel and LPG stocks are available across the State of Maharashtra. Supply operations are being closely monitored and maintained without disruption.

Stock & Supply Position of Petroleum Products in Maharashtra

Petrol & Diesel

The PSU Oil Marketing Companies have assured that there are adequate stocks of petrol and diesel available at all petrol pumps as well as storage locations of Oil Companies across Maharashtra. Stocks at petrol pumps are being regularly monitored by the State Government as well as Oil Companies and replenished to ensure uninterrupted availability.

All the three PSU Oil Marketing Companies have recently observed a sharp surge in demand for diesel and petrol at retail outlets across all districts in Maharashtra. However, the increased demand has been fully met by the PSU Oil Companies.

During the first three weeks of May 2026 (1 May 2026 to 21 May 2026), a significant growth in fuel demand compared to the corresponding period last year has been observed, with petrol demand increasing by 18.54% and diesel demand by 22.3%. A total of 402 Thousand Kilo Litres (TKL) of petrol and 789 Thousand Kilo Litres (TKL) of diesel have been supplied across Maharashtra by the three PSU Oil Marketing Companies.

The PSU Oil Marketing Companies have witnessed significantly higher offtake of petroleum products driven by seasonal agricultural activity across multiple districts. Additional demand pressure has also emerged due to migration of private company

retail customers to PSU retail outlets owing to lower prices, along with a visible shift of institutional and industrial consumers to retail fuel outlets because of an approximate price differential of ₹30 per litre.

Consumers and farmers have been requested not to resort to panic buying, as sufficient stocks of petrol and diesel are available across the State.

LPG

Maharashtra currently has approximately 31,789 MT of LPG stock available across all the three PSU Oil Marketing Companies, while distributor stocks are being regularly replenished to ensure smooth supply.

Domestic LPG

Adequate domestic LPG cylinder stocks are available and deliveries are continuing as per customer bookings. To ensure equitable distribution, booking interval restrictions remain in place, with a 25-day interval for urban customers and 45 days for rural customers.

Oil Companies have assured that LPG refills will continue to be delivered directly to customers' residences.

Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) verification remains mandatory at the time of delivery to ensure secure and verified supply. More than 90% of refills are currently being delivered through DAC/OTP authentication.

Consumers have also been advised to use digital platforms for refill bookings and avoid visiting LPG showrooms unnecessarily.

Non-Domestic/Commercial LPG

At present, nearly 60% of commercial LPG supply, as compared to the pre-war situation, is being met while ensuring 100% supply to priority sectors such as hospitals, educational institutions, crematoriums and social care institutions.

In addition, 5 kg Free Trade LPG (FTL) refills are being distributed for migrant labourers as per Government directives, with approximately 20,400 cylinders being delivered daily on average during May 2026.

Piped Natural Gas (PNG)

Considering the present supply emergency and the urgent need to expand piped natural gas infrastructure, the Government of Maharashtra issued deemed permission on 27 March 2026 for pending applications related to CGD pipeline laying by Municipal Corporations, PWD, Irrigation Department and other concerned authorities.

Maharashtra currently has approximately 44 lakh PNG connections, the highest in the country.

To expedite PNG network expansion across Maharashtra, the Government of Maharashtra has initiated fast-track expansion of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network across the State.

From 1 April 2026 onwards, a total of 1,03,094 new PNG gas connections have been energised in Maharashtra, which is among the highest in the country.

Weekly state-level review meetings have been held since April 2026 by the Additional Chief Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Government of Maharashtra, along with the State Level Coordinator (Oil Industry), Maharashtra, with participation from District Administrations and CGD companies to review on-ground implementation and expedite network expansion.

Applications for PNG connections are being accepted from registered as well as unregistered or proposed housing societies. Residents of buildings constructed under individual housing schemes may also submit collective or individual applications, as applicable.

CGD companies and their authorised distributors are simultaneously undertaking extensive publicity campaigns to encourage new PNG connections across the State.

The State Government has taken several proactive measures to prevent black marketing and hoarding of domestic LPG cylinders.

All District Collectors have been instructed to constitute vigilance and mobile teams at the district level to conduct inspections and raids. Strict action is being taken under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 against individuals involved in illegal use of domestic gas, hoarding and black marketing. Daily raids are being conducted by State Government teams and unauthorised cylinders are being seized. FIRs are also being registered wherever required.

Regular review meetings are also being conducted with Oil Marketing Companies (BPCL, HPCL and IOCL), gas distributors and CGD companies to ensure smooth and uninterrupted supply of petroleum products across Maharashtra.

Distribution of Public Distribution System (PDS) kerosene allocated by the Government of India has commenced in Maharashtra. A total of 452 KL of kerosene has been distributed in the districts of Gadchiroli, Gondia, Chandrapur, Nashik, Wardha, Akola, Buldhana, Nagpur, Palghar, Thane, Dharashiv, Solapur, Latur, Sangli, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Nanded, Beed and Raigad.

In view of the above, citizens across Maharashtra have been requested not to resort to panic buying or hoarding of petroleum products. The Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and PSU Oil Companies are ensuring proper and smooth supply of petroleum products across the State.

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