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

## OMCs functioning efficiently and without disruption amid sharp rise in fuel demand

## State Government takes proactive measures to prevent black marketing and hoarding of petroleum products

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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.

**Supply Position of Various 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. All retail outlets of PSU OMCs are functioning efficiently and without disruption, barring issues at sporadic retail outlets in hinterland areas where abnormal demand-supply mismatch has led to partial dry-outs.

Retail outlets of Jio-BP are by and large functioning normally and selling historical quantities. However, a sharp decline in sales has been observed at Nayara and Shell retail outlets due to price differentials with PSU retail outlets, resulting in diversion of sales to nearby PSU OMC outlets.

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.

| DATE | PSU:(IOC,BPC,HPC) GROWTH IN PETROL (%) | PSU:(IOC,BPC,HPC) GROWTH IN DIESEL (%) |
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| 1 TO 21 MAY 26 | 18.54 | 22.3 |
| 22 MAY 26 | 16% | 45% |
| 23 MAY 26 | 23% | 52% |
| 25 MAY 26 | 18% | 50% |
| 26 MAY 26 | 16% | 35 |

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, with a price differential of approximately ₹5 per litre in petrol and ₹3 per litre in diesel. A visible shift of institutional and industrial consumers to retail fuel outlets due to an approximate price differential of ₹30 per litre has also been observed. Also, panic buying by customers fearing a further hike in the price of petroleum products in the coming days is also leading to hoarding and black marketing, which cannot be ruled out. This has led to all the three PSU OMCs witnessing a sharp surge in the demand for diesel and petrol at their petrol pumps across the State of Maharashtra. This high demand for petrol and diesel has been fully met by the three PSU Oil Companies.

**LPG**

Maharashtra currently has approximately 28,884 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 95% 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 20,586 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.PNG Task Force review meetings have been held every week since May 2026 by the State Level Coordinator (Oil Industry), Maharashtra, with participation from LPG OMCs and CGD companies to review on-ground implementation and expedite network expansion.

**Distribution of Kerosene**

Distribution of Public Distribution System (PDS) kerosene allocated by the Government of India has commenced in Maharashtra. A total of 572 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.

The State Government has taken several proactive measures to prevent black marketing and hoarding of petrol, diesel and 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 petrol, diesel and LPG 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.

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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