



Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies ensure uninterrupted Fuel Supplies amid demand surge in Maharashtra

State Government intensifies measures against hoarding and black marketing of Petroleum Products

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Amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East impacting global supply chains, the Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (BPCL, IOCL and HPCL), under the coordination of the State Level Coordinator (Oil Industry), Maharashtra, Shri Mihir Ganesh Joshi, have assured citizens that adequate stocks of petrol, diesel and LPG are available across Maharashtra. Fuel supplies across the State continue to remain stable, closely monitored and uninterrupted.

The PSU Oil Marketing Companies have assured that adequate stocks of petrol and diesel are available across Maharashtra and that supply operations are being continuously monitored to ensure uninterrupted availability.

During the period from 1 May to 21 May 2026, PSU Oil Companies recorded strong growth in fuel sales compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Petrol demand increased by 18.54 %, while diesel demand increased by 22.3 %. During this period, a total of 402 Thousand Kilo Litres (TKL) of petrol and 789 Thousand Kilo Litres (TKL) of diesel were supplied across Maharashtra.

The significant increase in fuel demand has been driven by seasonal agricultural activity across multiple districts. Additional demand pressure has also emerged due to migration of customers from private fuel retailers to PSU retail outlets owing to lower fuel prices. Nayara retail outlets, which account for approximately 5 % market share, along with Shell outlets, have witnessed diversion of sales to nearby PSU OMC outlets due to a price differential of approximately ₹5 per litre in petrol and ₹3 per litre in diesel. A partial shift of institutional and industrial consumers to retail fuel outlets has also been observed due to an approximate price differential of ₹30 per litre.

During the period from 22 May to 28 May 2026, heightened agricultural activity coupled with panic buying and hoarding by consumers anticipating a further increase in petroleum product prices led to an abnormal surge in diesel demand across Maharashtra. During this period, PSU Oil Companies recorded diesel sales growth of 43.37 % compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. A total of 284 TKL of diesel was supplied across Maharashtra between 22 May and 28 May 2026.

Overall, during the period from 1 May to 31 May 2026, PSU Oil Companies recorded substantial growth in fuel sales compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Petrol demand increased by 8.92 % and diesel demand by 20.1 %. A total of 569 TKL of petrol and 1,157 TKL of diesel were supplied across Maharashtra during the month.

PETROL AND DIESEL GROWTH – MAHARASHTRA (MAY 2026)

DATE	PSU:(IOC,BPC,HPC) GROWTH IN PETROL (%)	PSU:(IOC,BPC,HPC) GROWTH IN DIESEL (%)
1 TO 21 MAY 26	18.54	22.3
22-28 MAY 26	13.23%	43.37%
1-30 MAY 26	8.92%	20.1 %

Despite the surge in demand, PSU Oil Marketing Companies have successfully maintained uninterrupted fuel supplies across Maharashtra. Demand for petrol and diesel has been fully met by the three PSU Oil Companies. All retail outlets of PSU OMCs are functioning efficiently and without disruption barring issues at sporadic ROs in hinterland areas where abnormal demand supply mismatches have been observed.

The State Government has taken several proactive measures to prevent hoarding and black marketing of petrol and diesel across Maharashtra. All District Collectors have been instructed to constitute vigilance and mobile teams at the district level and conduct inspections and raids under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Daily enforcement drives are being carried out by State Government teams, resulting in the seizure of unauthorised stocks of petroleum products and the registration of FIRs wherever necessary. As part of the enforcement action, a total of 495 raids have been conducted, resulting in 17 FIRs, 18 arrests, and the seizure of 77,715 litres of diesel and 1,134 litres of petrol. In addition, regular review meetings are being held with Oil Marketing Companies (BPCL, HPCL and IOCL) to closely monitor the supply position across all districts and ensure the uninterrupted availability of petroleum products throughout the State.

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

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