Inter-Ministerial Briefing on Recent Developments in West Asia

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E85 priced nearly ₹20/litre below petrol, offering cleaner and more affordable green mobility

Fire incident reported aboard the vessel MT MARIVEX; 24 Indian seafarers on board reported to be safe

DG Shipping, MEA and Indian Navy provide necessary assistance to the Indian seafarers

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Amid the evolving situation in West Asia, the Government of India continues its efforts to keep citizens informed through regular updates. In this regard, a media briefing was held today at the National Media Centre, where officers from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways provided updates on fuel availability and maritime operations and measures being undertaken to maintain stability across key sectors. The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has also shared updates regarding the availability and stock position of fertilizers in the country.

Fertilizer stock position and availability

- Overall Stock Position of Fertilizers in the country is comfortable.
- For Kharif 2026, the fertiliser requirement has been re-assessed by DA&FW at 383.9 LMT, against this stock as on today is around 197.56 LMT (more than 51%), significantly higher than the usual level of about 33%. This reflects improved planning, advance stocking, and efficient logistics management by the Government.
- Indian farmers already purchased total 86.65 LMT chemical fertilizers in the on-going Kharif-2026 till 07.06.2026. Approx. 22.57% of the total requirement.
- Indian farmers procured 11.17 LMT of organic manure (FOM/LFOM/PROM) after the war (Punjab 2.83 LMT, UP 2.71 LMT, Haryana 1.33 LMT, MP 1.25 LMT, Gujarat 0.96 LMT, Maharashtra 0.84 LMT) compared to 3.20 LMT during the corresponding period last year. This substantial increase reflects a positive trend towards greater adoption of organic nutrient sources and indicates a gradual shift in farmers' preference from chemical fertilizers to organic alternatives.
- At present, no major challenge in the availability of fertilizers for the on-going Kharif Season.
- Domestic production and import of fertilizers after crisis;-**(Lakh Tons)**

Product	**Domestic production after crisis**	**Import reached on Indian Ports after crisis**
Urea	69.15	18.35
DAP	9.78	2.53
NPKs	22.13	7.87
SSP	13.14	0
MOP	0	4.45
Total	**114.20**	**33.20**

- Total of approx. 147.40 LMT fertilizers through imports and Domestic production has been added in the availability after crisis situation.
- In the on-going June, it is expected to reach more than 25 LMT imported Urea, DAP and NPKs on the Indian ports.
- India has issued another global tender for procurement of 17 LMT Urea, which are under progress.
- Availability of inputs for production of fertilizers i.e. Urea and P&K fertilizers is being regularly reviewed by the Department of Fertilizers.
- DoF is regularly paying all the subsidy bills raised by the companies on weekly basis and at present, adequate budget is available for payment of fertilizers subsidy.
- 11 Meetings of EGoS held till date to ensure the adequate availability of the fertilizers and most of the challenges in the availability addressed by EGoS.
- India’s fertiliser security remains strong, stable, and well-managed, with availability consistently exceeding requirement across all major fertilisers.

"भारत सरकार के प्रभावी प्रयासों से देश में घरेलू उत्पादन में लगातार वृद्धि हो रही है। देश में उर्वरकों का पर्याप्त भंडार उपलब्ध है, जिससे किसानों की आवश्यकताओं की नियमित पूर्ति सुनिश्चित हो रही है और उन्हें किफायती दरों पर उर्वरक आसानी से उपलब्ध कराए जा रहे हैं।"

Energy Supply and Fuel Availability

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas provided an update on the current fuel supply situation, outlining measures being taken to ensure uninterrupted availability of petroleum products and LPG in the context of the evolving situation in West Asia. It was noted that:

Public Advisory and Citizen Awareness

- Govt. is making all efforts to ensure availability of Petrol, Diesel and LPG. Citizens are advised to avoid panic purchase of Petrol, Diesel and booking of LPG.
- Beware of rumours and rely on official sources for correct information.
- Citizens are requested to use alternate fuels like PNG, induction/electric cooktops, etc.
- Bulk and industrial consumers are requested to procure diesel from authorized procurement channels.
- In the current situation, all citizens are requested to make necessary efforts to conserve energy in their daily usage.

Government Preparedness and Supply Management Measures

- Despite the ongoing geopolitical situation, the Government has ensured that 100% supply is being made to Domestic LPG, Domestic PNG and CNG (Transport).
- For commercial LPG, priority has been given to hospitals and educational institutions. Priority has also been given to pharma, steel, automobile, seed, agriculture, etc. Supply of 5 Kg FTL to migrant labour has also been doubled based on avg. daily supply on 2nd and 3rd March 2026.
- The Government has already implemented several rationalisation measures on both the supply and demand side, including enhancing refinery production, increasing the booking interval from 21 to 25 days in urban areas and up to 45 days in rural areas, and prioritising sectors for supply.

Coordinated Efforts with States/UTs and Institutional Mechanisms

- State Governments are empowered under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and LPG Control Order, 2000 to monitor supply and act against hoarding and black marketing
- Govt. of States/UTs have to play a primary role in monitoring and regulating supply situation of essential commodities including Petrol, Diesel and LPG. Govt. of India has reiterated the same via multiple letters and VCs to all States/UTs.
- Government of India vide multiple letters and VCs have stressed the need for proactive public communication to reassure citizens regarding adequate fuel availability.
- Govt. of India vide letter dated 26.05.2026 has requested Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs to issue appropriate directions to State/district authorities to monitor and review district-wise HSD/MS offtake pattern, intensify inspections and enforcement activities in vulnerable areas and along major transportation/industrial corridors to prevent unauthorized procurement of HSD through retail outlets by industrial and commercial consumers, and initiate prompt penal action against violators.

Enforcement and Monitoring action –

- Enforcement actions by States/UTs continue across the country to curb hoarding and black marketing of Petrol, Diesel and LPG.

- LPG related enforcement – To check hoarding and black marketing of LPG cylinders, 7 FIRs have been registered, and 2 Persons have been arrested during last 4 days.

- Petrol, Diesel related enforcement – In the last 4 days, more than 1800 raids were conducted across the country.

- Similarly, the surprise inspections by the PSU OMCs officials are also continuing-

- LPG distributorships – In the last 4 days, inspections at about 890 LPG distributorships have been conducted. Further, Penalties have also been imposed on 105 LPG distributorships.
- Retail Outlets – In the last 4 days, inspections at more than 2400 retail outlets have been conducted. Further, Penalties have also been imposed on 22 Retail Outlets, and 554 Retail outlets have been put under suspension.

LPG Supply

Domestic LPG Supply Status:

- LPG Supply continues to be affected by the prevailing situation.
- Supply of LPG to domestic households has been prioritised.
- No dry-outs have been reported at LPG distributorships.
- **Online LPG cylinder bookings have increased to about 99% on industry basis yesterday.**
- **Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) based deliveries have been increased to about 96% to prevent diversion at the distributor level. DAC is received on the registered mobile number of the consumer.**
- **In the last 4 days, about 1.77 Crore LPG cylinders were delivered against bookings of around 1.67 Crore LPG cylinders.**

Commercial LPG Supply and Allocation Measures:

- Govt. of India has decided to allocate total commercial allocation to 70% of the pre-crises level incl. 10% reform based.
- **In the last 4 days, about 1.89 Lakh – 5 Kg FTL cylinders were sold.**
- **In the last 4 days- more than 9800 - 5kg FTL cylinders were sold through about 878 camps.**
- **In the last 4 days, total of 22811 MT of Commercial LPG has been sold.**
- **In the last 4 days, about 748 MT of Auto LPG has been sold by PSU OMCs.**

Natural Gas Supply and PNG Expansion Initiatives

- Consumers have been prioritised with 100% supplies to D-PNG and CNG-Transport.
- Supply to operating Urea Plants is currently at around 98% of their average consumption over the preceding six months.
- Gas supply to other industrial and commercial sectors, including supplies through CGD networks, is enhanced up to 80%.
- CGD entities have also been advised by Govt. of India to prioritize PNG connections for commercial establishments such as restaurants, hotels and canteens across all their GAs, to address concerns regarding the availability of commercial LPG.
- Govt. of India has requested Govt. of States/UTs and Central Ministries to expedite approval of applications required for expansion of CGD network.
- Govt. of India vide letter dated 18.03.2026 has offered all States/UTs additional 10% allocation of commercial LPG to States provided they can help in long term transition from LPG to PNG. 22 States/UTs are receiving additional Commercial LPG allocation linked to PNG expansion reforms.
- Govt. of India vide Gazette dated 24.03.2026 has notified the Natural Gas and Petroleum Products Distribution (Through Laying, Building, Operation and Expansion of Pipelines and Other Facilities) Order, 2026 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The Order provides a streamlined and time-bound framework for laying and expanding pipelines across the country, addressing delays in approvals and access to land, and enabling faster development of natural gas infrastructure,

including in residential areas. It is expected to accelerate PNG network growth, enhance last-mile connectivity, and support the transition to cleaner fuels, thereby strengthening energy security and advancing India's gas-based economy.

- PNGRB has directed CGD entities to expedite D-PNG connections. Also, the National PNG Drive 2.0 (01.01.2026-31.03.2026) has now been extended till 30.06.2026 to sustain momentum in PNG expansion.
- To encourage cleaner, more secure and self-reliant energy future, Govt. of India has developed a model draft State CBG Policy. The model policy is intended to serve as a comprehensive flexible guiding framework to enable States to create their own investor-friendly and implementation-oriented ecosystem for CBG development. Those States which opt for this, will be prioritized for the next tranche of additional allocation of commercial LPG.
- **Since March 2026, about 9.16 Lakh PNG connections have been gasified and infrastructure has been created for additional 3.05 Lakh connections, taking the total to 12.21 lakh connections. Further, about 9.24 Lakh customers have been registered for new connections.**
- **Till 07.06.2026, around 82,000 PNG consumers have surrendered their LPG connections via MYPNGD.in website.**

<u>Crude Position and Refinery Operations</u>

- All refineries are operating at high capacity with adequate crude inventories, while sufficient stocks of petrol and diesel are being maintained.
- Domestic LPG production from refineries has been increased to support domestic consumption.
- An inter-ministerial Joint Working Group (JWG) has been set up to ensure availability of petrochemical feedstock supply for the domestic market. Govt. of India vide order dated 01.04.2026 has permitted Oil Refinery companies including Petrochemical Complexes to make certain minimum quantities of C3 & C4 streams available for critical sectors as determined by Centre for High Technology (CHT).
- Based on requests received from the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Department of Chemicals & Petro Chemicals (DCPC), Dept. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), provision for C3-C4 molecules of 1120 MT/day, from LPG pool, has been made for Pharma, Chemical and Paint sector companies.
- **Since 01-June-26, more than 2760 MT of C3-C4 Molecules (comprising Propylene and Butylene) and more than 1660 MT of Butyl Acrylate has been sold by Mumbai, Kochi, Vizag, Chennai, Mathura and Gujarat refineries to Chemical, Pharma and Paint Industries.**

<u>Retail Fuel Availability and Pricing Measures</u>

- All Retail outlets are operating normally across the country.
- The Middle East crisis has led to an abnormal increase in crude prices; however, to protect consumers, the Government of India has reduced excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹10 per litre.
- **Govt. of India vide Gazette notification dated 31.05.2026 has reduced the export levy on petrol from ₹3 per litre to ₹1.5 per litre, on diesel from ₹16.50 per litre to ₹13.50 per litre, and on ATF from ₹16 per litre to ₹9.5 per litre.**
- **Adequate stocks of petrol and diesel are available at all Petrol Pumps across the country.**

<u>Flex Fuels</u>

<u>Flex Fuel Vehicle (FFVs) launch</u>

- Hon’ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched Hero MotoCorp’s 2 Flex-Fuel Motorcycles on 03.06.2026 and Maruti Suzuki’s flex-fuel WagonR car on 04.06.2026

E-85 Fuel

- Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched E85 fuel on 05.06.2026.
- E85 is a high-ethanol blended fuel comprising 80-85 per cent ethanol and 14-19 per cent petrol, specifically designed for use in flex-fuel vehicles in compliance with BIS 16634:2023 standard.
- E85 fuel is meant exclusively for specially designed flex-fuel vehicles and not for normal petrol vehicles.
- E85 fuel is priced nearly Rs. 20 per litre lower than the conventional E20 petrol.
- Flex-fuel vehicles operating on E85 can reduce lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by around 61 per cent compared to conventional petrol vehicles.
- With a Research Octane Number (RON) of about 108, ethanol offers superior knock resistance that allows engines to operate at higher compression ratios and optimized ignition timing.
- FFVs, EVs, FCEVs, Hydrogen, LNG etc. is the way forward in transportation. E85 fuel is domestically produced, helps in mitigation of carbon emissions and supports agricultural economy.

Maritime Safety and Shipping Operations

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways provided an update on the prevailing maritime situation in the Persian Gulf, detailing measures being undertaken to ensure the safety and security of Indian vessels and crew in the region. It was informed that:

- A fire incident was reported today aboard the vessel MT MARIVEX at approximately 1330 hours off the coast of Oman. The vessel has 24 Indian seafarers on board, all of whom are reported to be safe. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, through the Directorate General of Shipping, is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Missions abroad, and the Indian Navy to provide necessary assistance to the Indian seafarers.
- DG Shipping Control Room Update: The Control Room has handled 12,020 calls and more than 26,832 emails since activation. In the last 96 hours, a total of 390 calls and 968 emails have been received from seafarers, their families, and maritime stakeholders.
- Repatriation Update: The Ministry, through the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping), has facilitated the safe repatriation of more than 3,506 Indian seafarers so far, including 32 in the last 96 hours from various locations across the Gulf region.
- Port operations across India remain normal, with no congestion reported.

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