



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Food & Civil Supplies Department-Policy and Guidelines for the distribution of LPG Cylinders- Orders Issued

FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.94/2026/F&CS Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 17-03-2026

Read 1 E-mail dated 13.03.2026 of the State Level Co-ordinator of Oil Companies, Kochi.

2 Letter No. CCS/2737/2026-A2 dated 14.03.2026 of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the meeting held on 12.03.2026 with the State Level Coordinator of Oil Companies and representatives of Oil Marketing Companies in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government, Excise & Parliamentary Affairs, reviewed the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) supply situation in the State.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs has submitted a proposal in this regard as per letter read above.

Government have examined the matter in detail and, in view of public concerns regarding possible shortage and misuse of LPG cylinders, have decided to put in place a monitoring mechanism and administrative framework to ensure uninterrupted supply of LPG to the public, prevent hoarding, diversion and black-marketing and to prioritise supply to essential institutions.

Accordingly, Government hereby issue the following guidelines and procedures.

1. State Crisis Management Committee

The State Crisis Management Group on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Supply shall be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary with following members:-

- Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
- Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department
- Principal Secretary, Power Department
- Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies – Convenor
- Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department
- Secretary, Transport Department
- Director General of Police
- Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.
- Executive Directors / Regional Heads of Oil Marketing Companies of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)
- Representative from GAIL / Gas Authority
- Any other officers as decided by Government

The Committee shall monitor the overall LPG supply situation in the State and guide prioritisation and allocation policies whenever required.

2. State Level Monitoring

1. The Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department will be the nodal department and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs shall function as the State Nodal Officer for monitoring Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) supply and distribution in the State. The State Nodal Officer shall coordinate with the State Heads/Representatives of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to ensure adequate Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) availability in the State.

2. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs shall establish an Emergency Response Cell at the Commissionerate with suitable officers for monitoring Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) supply

across districts, maintaining a real-time State LPG Monitoring Dashboard of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) availability, coordinating with districts and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and submitting a daily situation report to the Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department.

3. District Crisis Management Committee

A District Level LPG Crisis Management Committee shall be constituted in each district with the District Collector as Chairperson and District Supply Officer as Convenor. The District Collector shall include any other officers as required, including representatives from;

- a. Police Department
- b. Legal Metrology Department
- c. Local Self Government Institutions
- d. Oil Marketing Company vigilance units
- e. Any other relevant department.

Functions & Responsibilities:-

- a. Monitor LPG availability and distribution within the district.
- b. Daily reporting to State CMG
- c. Monitoring refill delays.
- d. Addressing institutional demand
- e. Coordinating with OMC bottling plants
- f. Identify district-specific priority requirements based on local needs.
- g. Decide additional priority allocations in the larger public interest.
- h. Allocate LPG cylinders based on urgency, priority and availability
- i. Ensure uninterrupted supply to essential services such as hospitals, public institutions and community kitchens.

District Emergency Operations Centres shall serve as coordination hubs.

4. SOS Applications through LPG Portal

An SOS application facility available in the LPG Portal shall be utilised for addressing urgent requirements of LPG cylinders.

All SOS applications received through the portal shall be

placed before the District Level LPG Monitoring Committee.

The District Collector, as Chairperson of the Committee, shall examine and decide the SOS applications based on urgency, priority and availability of LPG within the district.

The District Level Committee shall determine the allocation for such SOS requests, keeping in view the priority framework and public interest.

Based on the recommendation of the Committee, the District Supply Officer shall allot LPG cylinders through the portal.

5. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Stock Management

The District Supply Officers shall coordinate with the local officers of Oil Marketing Companies to ensure that adequate domestic LPG stock is maintained within the district. As far as possible, a minimum stock of 20% of commercial LPG cylinders, or such percentage as may be prescribed by the Government of India from time to time, shall be maintained for priority distribution.

6. Enforcement against Diversion and Hoarding

Joint enforcement teams shall be constituted comprising the following departments

- a. Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department
- b. Police Department
- c. Legal Metrology Department
- d. Oil Marketing Company Vigilance Units

The teams shall conduct inspections to prevent:

- a. Diversion of domestic LPG cylinders for commercial use
- b. Illegal storage of cylinders
- c. Underweight cylinders
- d. Black marketing and overpricing

Strict action shall be taken under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order.

7. Taluk Level Enforcement Squad

A Taluk Level Enforcement Squad shall function under the supervision of the Taluk Supply Officers to;

- a. Prevent hoarding of LPG cylinders.
- b. Prevent diversion of domestic LPG cylinders.
- c. Prevent misuse of domestic cylinders for commercial purposes.
- d. Prevent black marketing of commercial LPG cylinders.
- e. Conduct inspections and enforcement drives.

The squad may include officers from:

- a. Police Department.
- b. Legal Metrology Department.
- c. Local authorities.

8. Logistics Facilitation

To ensure uninterrupted LPG movement:

- a. LPG tanker and cylinder transport shall be classified as essential movement.
- b. Green corridors shall be created for LPG transport wherever required.
- c. Police assistance shall be provided for smooth truck movement in urban areas.
- d. Night unloading at bottling plants shall be permitted where operationally feasible.

9. Vehicles and Operational Support

If required for enforcement activities, vehicles may be hired by the District Supply Officers during exigencies. The District Supply Officer shall arrange payment from the Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department in accordance with existing financial rules.

10. District Reporting Mechanism

The District Supply Officers shall submit daily status reports to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs regarding;

- a. LPG availability
- b. Stock position
- c. Distribution status

- d. Enforcement actions taken

11. Public Communication & Awareness

To avoid panic and misinformation, daily supply bulletins shall be issued covering:

- a. Domestic LPG supply status
- b. Expected refill waiting times
- c. District supply updates
- d. Helpline numbers &
- e. Enforcement actions taken

Public messaging will emphasise:

- a. Avoid panic booking
- b. Do not hoard LPG cylinders
- c. Report illegal diversion

Suitable awareness measures may include media briefings and public information campaigns.

12. Priority Framework for LPG Allocation

In situations where temporary supply constraints arise, distribution of non-domestic LPG cylinders shall be regulated through a controlled allocation framework.

The priority categories and indicative allocation framework are detailed in the Annexure to this order.

The State priority list indicated in the Annexure shall be followed, and the District Level LPG Monitoring Committees may regulate distribution within the district based on urgency, availability and local requirements, keeping in view the larger public interest.

During supply constraints, distribution of non-domestic LPG cylinders may be limited to approximately 20% of the average daily consumption or such quantity as may be decided by Government from time to time.

(By order of the Governor)
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To:

1. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,

Thriuvananthapuram

2. All District Collectors
3. The State Level Oil Co-ordinator of Oil Companies, Kochi.
4. The Controller, Legal Metrology Department.
5. Information and Public Relations Department (for publication)
6. Stock file

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Signed by K R Remya

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ANNEXURE

Priority Categories and Indicative Allocation Framework for Non-Domestic LPG Cylinders During Supply Constraints

The average daily consumption of non-domestic LPG in the State is approximately 753 MT. As part of the stock management strategy during supply constraints, the quantity available for controlled distribution may be limited to approximately 20% of the average consumption (around 150.6 MT per day).

1. Priority Categories for Non-Domestic LPG Allocation

1. Government Hospitals, Medical Colleges and Primary Health Centres
2. Private Hospitals providing emergency and critical care services
3. Educational institutions and hostels including SC/ST hostels and residential educational institutions
4. Community kitchens run by Government or Local Self Government Institutions
5. Anganwadi Centres and Nutrition Centres
6. Disaster relief camps and emergency shelters
7. Government approved shelters, old age homes and orphanages
8. Canteens of Government/Public sector institutions and establishments serving large numbers of workers including industrial units and IT parks
9. Crematoriums

2. Estimated Requirement of Essential Priority Sectors

Total allocation for essential sectors: 70.05 MT per day (Schools, hospitals, hostels, community kitchens, welfare institutions, crematoriums and worker canteens)

Sl. No	Sector	Estimated Allocation(MT/day)
1	Schools and Educational Institutions	25.83
2	Hospitals and Medical Institutions	24.18
3	Hostels (School / College)	8.00

4	Community Kitchens /Public Welfare Food Centres	6.00
5	Old Age Homes and Orphanages	4.00
6	Crematoriums	1.50
7	IT Park / Industrial Canteens	0.54
	Total Essential Sector Allocation	70.05

3. Distribution of Remaining Quantity

The balance quantity of approximately 80.55 MT per day shall be distributed among districts based on demand share, as indicated in the district-wise allocation table.

Sl. No	District	Share (%)	Indicative Allocation (MT/day)
1	Ernakulam	19.39	15.62
2	Thiruvananthapuram	17.15	13.81
3	Thrissur	10.36	8.35
4	Alappuzha	8.12	6.54
5	Kollam	7.76	6.25
6	Kozhikode	6.49	5.23
7	Pathanamthitta	5.81	4.68
8	Malappuram	5.56	4.48
9	Kannur	4.82	3.88
10	Kottayam	4.67	3.76
11	Palakkad	3.70	2.98
12	Idukki	3.56	2.87
13	Wayanad	1.43	1.15
14	Kasaragod	1.17	0.94
	Total Balance	80.55	

4. Implementation

1. District Level LPG Monitoring Committees chaired by the District Collector shall ensure uninterrupted supply to essential services listed above.
2. District authorities may regulate distribution within the district based on

urgency, availability and public interest.

3. Oil Marketing Companies shall coordinate with District Supply Officers to ensure adherence to the allocation framework while maintaining adequate stock levels.

4. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & amp; Consumer Affairs shall monitor implementation through the State LPG Monitoring mechanism.