

BPCL Strengthens Fuel Supply Continuity Across India's Smaller Towns and Regional Markets Amid Demand Surge

Mumbai, May 21, 2026: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a Fortune Global 500 company and a Maharatna PSU, today said that it has intensified fuel supply and distribution operations across smaller towns, semi-urban markets and regional geographies to ensure uninterrupted availability of petrol and diesel amid the recent rise in demand witnessed across parts of the country.

While metropolitan centres continue to remain adequately supplied, BPCL said special operational focus has also been placed on maintaining seamless supplies across Tier-2, Tier-3 and remote markets, where localised demand spikes and precautionary buying tendencies have been observed in recent days.

The company stated that the current increase in fuel demand has been driven by multiple market factors, including higher diesel consumption during the ongoing harvesting season, increased customer preference towards PSU retail outlets in certain markets, as well as shifts in purchasing patterns across customer segments amid prevailing market conditions.

BPCL's integrated supply chain network — comprising refineries, terminals, depots, transport logistics and retail outlets — continues to operate efficiently, supported by round-the-clock monitoring and enhanced coordination between regional teams and field operations.

BPCL's sales data reflects both the elevated consumer demand and the company's ability to maintain supply continuity during this period. Between **May 1 and May 20, 2026**, BPCL recorded **petrol (MS) sales volumes of 1005 TKL**, compared to **864 TKL during the corresponding period last year**, registering a **growth of 16.38%**. **Diesel (HSD) sales volumes** during the same period stood at **1677 TKL as against 1437 TKL** in the corresponding period last year, reflecting a **growth of 16.69%**.

The company also maintained strong operational momentum over the last two days. On May 19, BPCL recorded primary sales volumes of 52.2 TKL for petrol and 93.5 TKL for diesel. On May 20, petrol sales stood at 51.2 TKL while diesel sales reached 92.1 TKL, indicating sustained supply movement and replenishment across the network.

BPCL said additional measures have been initiated to augment supplies in high-demand regions, including enhanced tanker movement planning, depot-level inventory optimisation, and continuous monitoring of retail outlet replenishment cycles. Regional control rooms and operational teams are also working closely with distributors and dealers to ensure timely deliveries, particularly in smaller towns and interior markets.

The company reiterated that India remains surplus in refining capacity and that fuel availability across the country continues to remain stable. BPCL added that there is no reason for consumers to panic or engage in unnecessary stockpiling, as the country's fuel supply ecosystem remains resilient and fully capable of meeting current and emerging demand patterns.

Customers are advised not to indulge in panic buying or rely on rumours and unverified information circulating on social media or television platforms. BPCL requests all stakeholders to refer only to official communication channels for accurate updates.

BPCL remains committed to ensuring uninterrupted fuel availability and seamless service across its network.

With one of India's largest fuel distribution networks, BPCL continues to prioritise supply reliability, operational responsiveness and uninterrupted service to consumers across urban, semi-urban and rural India.

About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL):

Fortune Global 500 Company, Bharat Petroleum is the second largest Indian Oil Marketing Company and one of the integrated energy companies in India, engaged in refining of crude oil and marketing of petroleum products, with presence in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry. The company attained the coveted Maharatna status, joining the club of companies having greater operational & financial autonomy.

Bharat Petroleum's Refineries at Mumbai, Kochi and Bina have a combined refining capacity of around 35.3 MMTPA. Its marketing infrastructure includes a network of installations, depots, fuel stations, aviation service stations and LPG distributors. Its distribution network comprises over 25,300+ Fuel Stations, over 1000+ CNG stations, over 6,250+ LPG distributorships, 440+ Lubes distributorships, 81 POL storage locations, 56 LPG Bottling Plants, 81 Aviation Service Stations, 5 Lube blending plants and 6 cross-country pipelines.

Bharat Petroleum is integrating its strategy, investments, environmental and social ambitions to move towards a sustainable planet. The company has Electric vehicle charging stations at 6800+ Fuel Stations. With a focus on sustainable solutions, the company is developing an ecosystem and a road-map to become a Net Zero Energy Company by 2040, in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. Bharat Petroleum has been partnering communities by supporting several initiatives connected primarily in the areas of education, water conservation, skill development, health, community development, capacity building and employee volunteering. With 'Energising Lives' as its core purpose, Bharat Petroleum's vision is to be an admired global energy company leveraging talent, innovation & technology.

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