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## INDIAN HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

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Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> March 2026

To,

**Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri Ji**  
Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum &  
Natural Gas  
Kartavya Bhavan, 03 Janpath Road  
New Delhi 110001

**Subject: Reference your Order M-13017(11)/2026-LPG-PNG dated 05<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) the apex body of the hospitality trade in the state of Maharashtra.

Our Association represents nearly 8000 small Restaurants, permit rooms and hotels, and is one of the largest hospitality bodies with 65 affiliated associations across the state of Maharashtra. AHAR represents the interests of small and medium enterprises as well as star-category hotels & Restaurants.

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding "**Clause No.3 of your direction which states All Public Sector OMCs shall ensure that LPG so procured is supplied/marketed solely to consumers of domestic LPG only.**"

While we understand that current situation is beyond control due to global geopolitical factors, any stoppage of PNG supply will have a severe and immediate impact on the entire hospitality industry. Restaurants & Hotels are largely dependant on PNG for their daily cooking operations, and any disruption would seriously affect the livelihoods & revenue of all the stake holders.

**Sir, our industry plays a vital role in providing employment, food and support services to lakhs of migrant workers and their families. At present nearly 40 Lakh direct employment & 160 Lakhs indirect employment/self-employed depend on this sector in Maharashtra for their livelihood.**

***In reference to Clause-3 of your order we respectfully submit that any complete stoppage of PNG supply will severely affect source of income of these workers/self employed people and also disrupt essential daily services provided by Restaurants & hotels, thereby destabilizing the entire hospitality sector.***

**Such a disruption will also significantly impact the revenue earnings of the government from the customers across all categories, particularly the large working-class population from various states who rely on Restaurants for their daily meals and affordable food options.**



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**In view of the unavoidable situation arising globally, we humbly submit that the industry may be able to manage with up to 25% curtailment in PNG supply. However, a 100% curtailment or complete stoppage would make it practically impossible for establishments to operate.**

We therefore request your kind intervention to ensure that the hospitality industry continues to receive at least minimum PNG supply so that Restaurants & hotels can continue functioning and protect the livelihoods of workers.

We look forward to your support and kind consideration in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

**For Indian Hotel & Restaurant association (AHAR)**

**Vijay K Shetty**  
President



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