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Secretary of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department Saradindu Choudhury informed that required quantity of daily commodities are there in the markets in the state. Advising the public not to panic about the situation, he said, markets are being regularly under watch. There is no reason to panic about things being unavailable. To manage the situation in regard to transport of petroleum and food items, the state government is keeping up communication regularly with the Government of Assam, Indian Oil and FCI authority. At this moment, the public distribution system has a stock of rice for 42 days, wheat for 38 days, sugar for 28 days, masoor dal for 41 days, salt for 33 days and kerosene for 10 days.

Director of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department Tapan Kumar Das informed that transport of petroleum is continued in the state through roadways. At this moment, 50 Petroleum and Diesel tankers are commuting in the state. He said, daily demand for petrol in the state is 220 kl and for diesel is 350 kl. Different agencies in the state and Dharmanagar depot of IOCL had 1,638 kl of petrol and 2,184 kl of diesel today morning. IOCL authority has informed that 200 kl of petrol and required diesel is being supplied from their Mainarband depot. Besides that, arrangements are being made to bring petrol to the state from Gauhati.