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**Additional delivery charge for 'urgent' supply of  
LPG is fraud on people: Ram Naik**

**Mumbai, Tuesday:** "Additional delivery charge for 'urgent' supply of LPG cylinder is nothing but fraud on people. It is just another price increase by backdoor," said Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister while condemning new delivery charges.

Shri Ram Naik further commented, "This price increase will result into artificial scarcity and thereby corruption in LPG cylinder distribution. During Vajpayee regime consumers were getting immediate LPG connections and cylinders were available to all within 24 hours. Immediate supply is the right of the customer and therefore the additional charge is not justified. Hitherto distributors were keeping shops closed only for a day. Now consumers have to pay additional delivery charge on two days viz. Saturday and Sunday. With this decision the government will be depriving consumers of lower income group from urgent delivery as consumers are expected to put up demand in writing or by email. The government must withdraw this decision immediately."

**(Office Secretary)**