Consumption of petroleum products fell 3.3 per cent in April to September 2026, and LPG fell 15.5 per cent

In this report: the six months against a year earlier; which products fell; LPG; whole years; what the coming report will be read against.

On PPAC's provisional figures, India consumed 1,14,765 thousand tonnes of petroleum products in April to September 2026, which is 3,941 thousand tonnes or 3.3 per cent less than in April to September 2025. LPG fell 15.5 per cent over the same six months, and it had risen in each of the 12 whole years from 2014-15 to 2025-26, as PPAC's Table 6.2 shows.

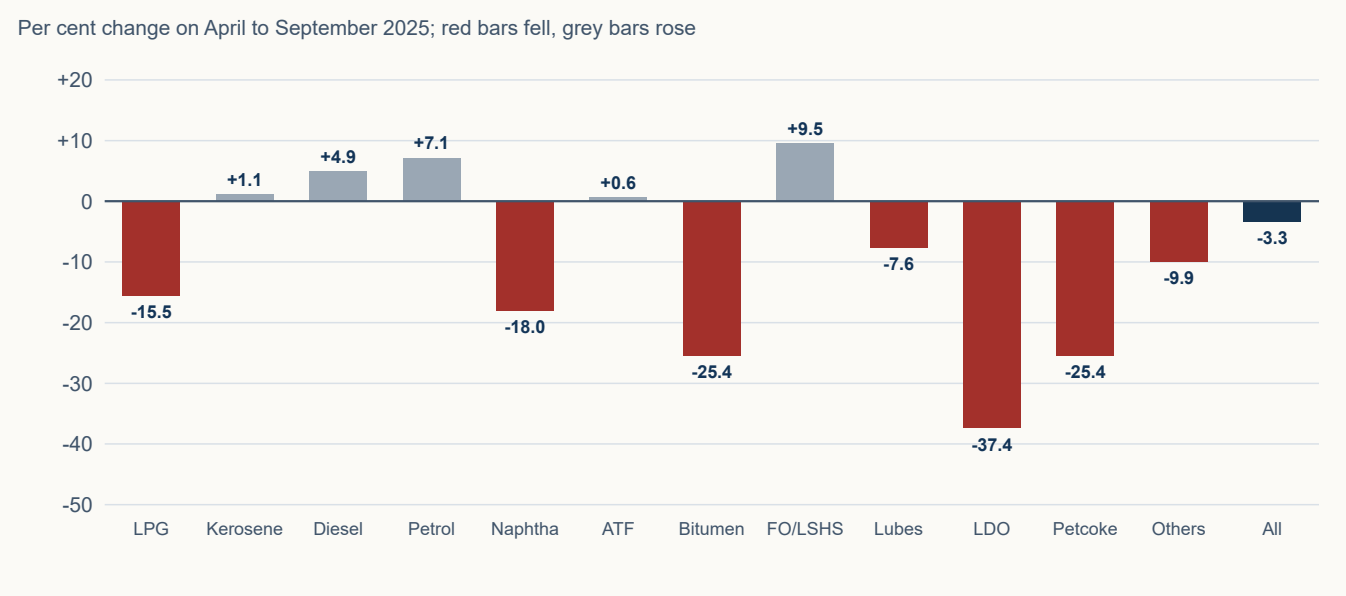
On PPAC's whole-year series (Ready Reckoner, Table 4.6), consumption fell in only one of the 28 years from 1998-99 to 2025-26, each set against the year before, and that year was 2020-21. These six months are half of 2026-27, and the year ends in March 2027.

Finding	What PPAC's own figures show
Six months, 3.3 per cent lower	Consumption was 1,14,765 thousand tonnes in April to September 2026. PPAC puts it at 1,18,706 thousand tonnes for April to September 2025.
LPG down 15.5 per cent	LPG consumption was 13,705 thousand tonnes in April to September 2026. PPAC puts it at 16,219 thousand tonnes for April to September 2025. Packed domestic LPG sold by the public sector oil companies fell 13.5 per cent, which PPAC prints in its LPG table.
Seven of twelve products fell	India's consumption of seven of the twelve products was lower than in April to September 2025. The four that fell most in tonnes were LPG, petroleum coke, naphtha and bitumen, which fell by 15.5 per cent, 25.4 per cent, 18.0 per cent and 25.4 per cent over the six months, and by 7,140 thousand tonnes together.
LPG lower in every window	On PPAC's reports, LPG consumption was lower than a year earlier by 16.6 per cent in April to June (the office's arithmetic on the July report), 16.4 per cent in July, 17.1 per cent in August and 9.0 per cent in September 2026.
Growth had already slowed	Whole-year growth was 10.6 per cent in 2022-23. It fell to 5.0 per cent in 2023-24, 2.1 per cent in 2024-25 and 1.0 per cent in 2025-26.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. PPAC, Snapshot of India's Oil and Gas Data, October 2026 (data for September 2026); PPAC, Industry Consumption Report, POL and NG, August 2026; PPAC, Industry Consumption Report, POL and NG, July 2026; PPAC, Ready Reckoner, 2025-26.

Which products fell

Over the six months LPG fell 15.5 per cent and naphtha fell 18.0 per cent, while bitumen fell 25.4 per cent and petroleum coke fell 25.4 per cent.



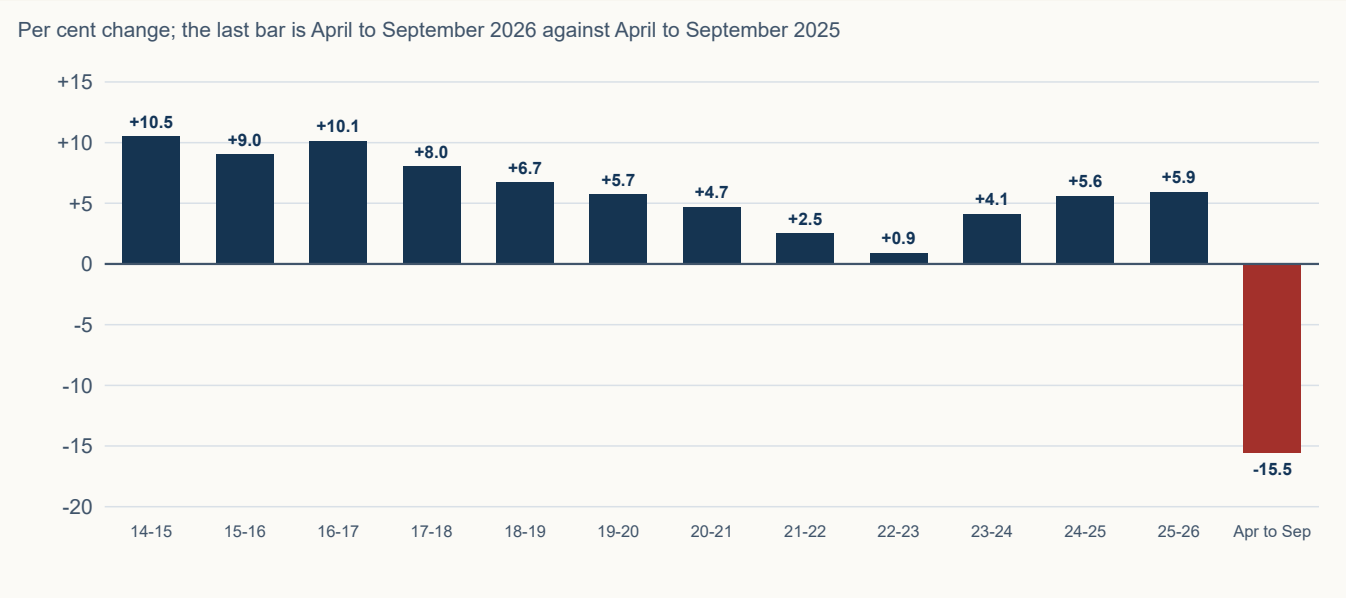
Each bar is one product's consumption in April to September 2026 against the same months of 2025. The red bars fell and the grey bars rose. The navy bar is all products.

PPAC's Snapshot of October 2026 says that consumption of all petroleum products was 1,14,765 thousand tonnes in April to September 2026, against 1,18,706 thousand tonnes in April to September 2025. That is 3,941 thousand tonnes, or 3.3 per cent, lower.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. PPAC, Snapshot of India's Oil and Gas Data, October 2026 (data for September 2026).

LPG, in every window

LPG consumption was 13,705 thousand tonnes in April to September 2026, against 16,219 thousand tonnes in April to September 2025, a fall of 2,514 thousand tonnes. PPAC's table of LPG by category says that packed domestic LPG sold by the public sector companies, which the table lists under PSU Sales, fell 13.5 per cent over the six months and 8.5 per cent in September alone.



Each navy bar is one whole year's LPG consumption against the year before. The red bar is April to September 2026 against April to September 2025.

PPAC's Table 6.2 shows that LPG consumption was higher than in the year before, and this holds in each of the 12 whole years from 2014-15 to 2025-26. The table does not print earlier years and carries no note of its own; Table 6.1, which prints the volumes of those years, says that online SEZ data are included from 2017-18 onwards.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. PPAC, Snapshot of India's Oil and Gas Data, October 2026 (data for September 2026); PPAC, Ready Reckoner, 2025-26.

What the coming figures will be read against

CMIE's release calendar gives 5 to 16 November 2026 as the window for its Petroleum Products series. PPAC's reports on October 2026 may appear at other dates inside or outside that window. The latest figures this brief holds are for September 2026, and PPAC's Snapshot of October 2026 and its Industry Consumption Report for September 2026 print the same figures for that month.

PPAC's reports set each month against the same month a year earlier, so the October report will set October 2026 against October 2025, as its other reports do.

In the six months to September 2026, India's consumption of petroleum products was 3.3 per cent lower than a year earlier, and its consumption of LPG was 15.5 per cent lower, as PPAC's Snapshot shows.

Sources: Read on 28 October 2026. PPAC, Snapshot of India's Oil and Gas Data, October 2026 (data for September 2026); PPAC, Industry Consumption Report, POL and NG, September 2026.