

## Moonilal: Fuel shortage in some NP stations temporary

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Motorists in parts of the country faced temporary fuel shortages at the pump between Tuesday night and yesterday morning at several National Petroleum Marketing Company Ltd (NP) service stations.

This after three cheques from a dealer were dishonoured, then later settled.

This was confirmed by Energy and Energy Industries Minister Dr Roodal Moonilal who told the *Express* yesterday he was notified that three cheques linked to the dealer's account were returned on Tuesday. 'Our procedure is that the dealer's account is on hold, he has to settle the outstanding via certified cheque and then prepay for fuel via certified cheque. The account (was) on hold,' Moonilal stated in a WhatsApp response. He added that, by late Tuesday afternoon, it was confirmed that funds had been received for the Preysal location.

Commentors online also complained about other stations.

Moonilal said product was available at the Freeport service station, with an order for premium fuel scheduled for delivery yesterday. He said the station had only closed for about an hour to facilitate maintenance work.

He also confirmed that a station in Chaguanas had a supply, while checks were still being made on the Princes Town station.

In a statement yesterday, NP apologised to customers for the disruption at its Preysal location, assuring that service would be fully restored by midday.