

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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USE OF ETHANOL TO REDUCE POLLUTION

1263#. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether ethanol is being used in the country to reduce the pollution caused by the use of petrol;
- (b) if so, the products out of which ethanol is prepared;
- (c) to what extent ethanol is being mixed in petrol;
- (d) whether the price of petrol could be reduced after mixing it with ethanol; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme with multiple objectives of reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. The required ethanol quantity from sugarcane and grain based feedstocks for blending under this Programme is procured by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for blending in petrol.

(c): Public Sector OMCs have achieved over 10% ethanol blending in petrol during Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22. Government has amended the National Policy on Biofuels – 2018 which has advanced the target of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol to ESY 2025-26 from 2030.

(d) & (e): The price of petrol has been made market-determined with effect from 26.06.2010. Since then, Public Sector OMCs take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol.
