

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 926**  
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

**ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL**

926. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a) the significant accomplishments of the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme and its role in strengthening country's energy security and bolstering the agriculture sector; and
- (b) a comprehensive breakdown of approved projects under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme, categorising them as molasses-based, grain-based, and dual-feed projects?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): Government has been promoting blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme with multiple objectives including reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. Under EBP Programme, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have saved approximately 509 crore litres of petrol on account of ethanol blending during the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2022-23 resulting in savings of more than Rs. 24,300 crore of foreign exchange and expeditious payment of about Rs. 19,300 crore to farmers bolstering the agriculture sector.

(b): Government has approved assistance to a total of 1212 projects including 590 molasses-based; 474 grain-based; and 148 dual-feed based projects under interest subvention scheme to enhance ethanol production under EBP.

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