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RAJYA SABHA
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FUEL PRICES IN THE COUNTRY

133 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) the details regarding fuel prices in the country, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has planned to deal with the recent steep rise in fuel prices by increasing import and providing subsidies to the population reeling with a financial crisis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has assessed the impact of the rise in fuel prices on other industries and its effect on the price of essential products;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken to reduce fuel prices during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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(a) to (g) The details of yearly average Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Petrol and Diesel at Delhi since 2019-20 are given at Annexure-I.

Domestically, Petrol and Diesel prices have come down to Rs. 94.77 and Rs. 87.67 per litre respectively (Delhi prices) as a result of various steps taken by Government and PSU OMCs, Central Excise duty was reduced by the Central Government by a total of Rs. 13/litre and Rs. 16/litre on petrol and diesel respectively in two tranches in November 2021 and May 2022, which was fully passed on to consumers. Some State Governments also reduced state VAT rates to provide relief to citizens. In March, 2024, OMCs reduced the retail prices of petrol and diesel by Rs. 2 per litre each.

Recently PSU OMCs have carried out intra-state freight rationalisation. This has benefitted consumers located at remote areas, far from Petroleum Oil & Lubricants (POL) Depots in form of reduced Petrol and Diesel prices in remote parts within the states. This initiative has also reduced the difference between the maximum and minimum retail prices of Petrol or Diesel within a state.

Government of India also took several other steps to insulate common citizens from high international prices, which included diversifying the crude import basket, invoking the provisions of Universal Service Obligation to ensure availability of petrol & diesel in domestic market, increasing the blending of ethanol in petrol, etc.

India has been the only major economy in the world where the prices of petrol and diesel have come down in recent years. Changes in prices of petrol and diesel in some major economies between November 2021 and December 2024 are as under:

| | % age Change in Prices between Nov-21 and Dec-24 | |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| Country | Petrol | Diesel |
| India (Delhi) | -13.60% | -10.92% |
| France | 11.07% | 10.99% |
| Germany | 3.40% | 6.86% |
| Italy | 5.21% | 7.38% |
| Spain | 5.14% | 8.58% |
| UK | 0.17% | 2.22% |
| Canada | 5.55% | 15.06% |
| USA | 1.36% | 6.90% |

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

Changes in prices of petrol and diesel in some neighboring economies between November 2021 and December 2024

| | % age Change in Prices between Nov-21 and Dec-24 | |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| Country | Petrol | Diesel |
| India (Delhi) | -13.60% | -10.92% |
| Pakistan | 27.90% | 33.37% |
| Bangladesh | 12.62% | 29.31% |
| Sri Lanka | 54.29% | 98.59% |
| Nepal | 20.06% | 31.64% |

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC)

India imports about 60% of the domestic LPG consumed. Price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for domestic LPG. While the average Saudi CP (international benchmark for LPG pricing) rose by 64% (from US\$ 385/MT in July 2023 to US\$ 632 /MT in November 2024), the effective price for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers for domestic LPG was reduced by 44% (from Rs. 903 in August 2023 to Rs. 503 in November 2024).

The retail selling price of a 14.2 Kg domestic LPG cylinder is currently Rs 803 in Delhi. After a targeted subsidy of Rs 300/cylinder to PMUY consumers, Government of India is providing 14.2 Kg LPG cylinders at an effective price of Rs.503 per cylinder (in Delhi). This is available to more than 10.33 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries, across the country. Apart from the direct subsidy to consumers, the OMCs have also been compensated Rs 22,000 crore in FY 2022-23 by Government of India to cover the under-recoveries suffered by them in not passing on the high international LPG prices to the domestic LPG consumers.

Globally, PMUY is the biggest program of its kind that provides Domestic LPG to more than 100 million poor households at an effective price of just about Rs. 35/Kg. Further, the effective price of domestic LPG cylinder in neighbouring countries as on 01.01.2025 is as below:

| Country | Domestic LPG (Rs./14.2kg.cyl.)# |
|----------------|--|
| India | 503.00* |
| Pakistan | 1094.83 |
| Sri Lanka | 1231.53 |
| Nepal | 1206.65 |

The details of Retail Selling Price of domestic LPG since April 2019 are given at Annexure-II.

The impact of increase/decrease in prices of petrol and diesel can be assessed through their impact on inflation measured by Wholesale Price Index (WPI). The weightage of petrol, diesel and LPG in the WPI index is 1.60%, 3.10% and 0.64% respectively.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 133 asked by Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh to be answered on 03.02.2025 regarding “Fuel prices in the country”

Yearly average Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of Petrol and Diesel at Delhi

(Rs./Ltr)

| Year | Average RSP of Petrol | Average RSP of Diesel |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 72.69 | 65.78 |
| 2020-21 | 80.84 | 73.58 |
| 2021-22 | 98.05 | 87.42 |
| 2022-23 | 97.90 | 90.58 |
| 2023-24 | 96.63 | 89.53 |
| 2024-25 (Till 26.01.2025) | 94.73 | 87.63 |

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 133 asked by Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh to be answered on 03.02.2025 regarding "Fuel prices in the country"

| Effective Date | RSP of Domestic LPG at Delhi (Rs./14.2 Kg Cylinder) |
|-----------------------|--|
| 01-Apr-19 | 706.50 |
| 01-May-19 | 712.50 |
| 01-Jun-19 | 737.50 |
| 01-Jul-19 | 637.00 |
| 01-Aug-19 | 574.50 |
| 01-Sep-19 | 590.00 |
| 01-Oct-19 | 605.00 |
| 01-Nov-19 | 681.50 |
| 01-Dec-19 | 695.00 |
| 01-Jan-20 | 714.00 |
| 01-Feb-20 | 714.00 |
| 12-Feb-20 | 858.50 |
| 01-Mar-20 | 805.50 |
| 01-Apr-20 | 744.00 |
| 01-May-20 | 581.50 |
| 01-Jun-20 | 593.00 |
| 01-Jul-20 | 594.00 |
| 02-Dec-20 | 644.00 |
| 15-Dec-20 | 694.00 |
| 04-Feb-21 | 719.00 |
| 15-Feb-21 | 769.00 |
| 25-Feb-21 | 794.00 |
| 01-Mar-21 | 819.00 |
| 01-Apr-21 | 809.00 |
| 01-Jul-21 | 834.50 |
| 17-Aug-21 | 859.50 |
| 01-Sep-21 | 884.50 |
| 06-Oct-21 | 899.50 |
| 22-Mar-22 | 949.50 |
| 07-May-22 | 999.50 |
| 19-May-22 | 1003.00 |
| 22-May-22 | 1003.00 |
| 06-Jul-22 | 1053.00 |
| 01-Mar-23 | 1103.00 |
| 30-Aug-23 | 903.00 |
| 09-Mar-24 | 803.00 |

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

