

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2688**  
ANSWERED ON - 24/03/2025

**ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL PROGRAMME**

2688 # SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether Government has revised the ethanol purchase price for public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for the ethanol supply year (ESY) 2024-25, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the progress made so far in achieving the target of 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by 2025-26 and the current national average blending percentage; and
- (c) the impact of the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme on reducing the country's dependence on crude oil imports and the benefits to the agriculture sector?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) The Government has revised the administered ex-mill price of ethanol for Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme derived from C heavy Molasses (CHM) for the Ethanol Supply Year 2024-25 (1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2025) to Rs. 57.97 per litre. Additionally, GST and transportation charges are payable by OMCs.

(b) During the ongoing ESY 2024-25, ethanol blending of 17.98% has been achieved up to 28.02.2025. For the month of February 2025, ethanol blending of 19.68% was achieved by Public Sector OMCs.

(c) Under the EBP Programme, since 2014-15, ethanol blending in petrol by Public Sector OMCs has resulted in approximate savings of more than Rs. 1,20,000 crore of foreign exchange, crude oil substitution of more than 200 LMT (lakh metric tonne), Net CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of about 626 lakh metric tonne and expeditious payment to farmers of more than Rs.1,04,000 crore up to January 2025.

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