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RAJYA SABHA
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ACHIEVEMENT UNDER ETHANOL BLENDING PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the details of India achieving the target of 20 per cent ethanol blending, five years ahead of stipulated schedule;
- (b) the number of retail sales outlets supplying E20 fuel, and the geographical spread of E20 availability across the country;
- (c) the details of the cumulative foreign exchange savings and environmental benefits achieved through the Ethanol Blending Programme; and
- (d) the roadmap laid down to further enhance ethanol production capacity and increase blending levels beyond E20?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): Government have been promoting blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme. The National Policy on Biofuels – 2018, as amended in 2022, inter-alia, advanced the target of 20% blending of Ethanol in petrol from 2030 to Ethanol Supply Year 2025-26 (ESY- 1st November, 2025 to 31st October, 2026). Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) achieved the target of 10% Ethanol blending in petrol in June 2022 i.e. five months ahead of the target during ESY 2021-22, 12.06% in ESY 2022-23, 14.60% in ESY 2023-24 and 19.24% in ESY 2024-25. During Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26, as on 31.12.2025, more than 179 crore litres of ethanol have been blended thereby achieving an average blending of 19.98% ethanol in Petrol. In the month of December, 2025, ethanol blending of 19.99% has been achieved.

EBP Programme has resulted in expeditious payment to farmers to a tune of over Rs. 1,43,822 crore from Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2014-15 up to December 2025, besides savings of more than Rs. 1,63,395 crore of foreign exchange, net CO2 reduction of approximately 832 lakh metric tonne and substitution of more than 277 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil.

All retail outlets of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) across the mainland of the country, having petrol selling facilities, dispense E20 petrol.

Also, so far no decision has been taken by the Government for increasing ethanol blending with petrol beyond current levels.
