

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4111
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TARGET ACHIEVED UNDER EBP PROGRAMME

4111. SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:

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

- (a) the current national blending percentage achieved under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) program;
- (b) the estimated foreign exchange savings and reduction in carbon emissions resulting from the program during the last fiscal year;
- (c) the progress made in rolling out E20 (20 per cent ethanol blended) petrol stations across the country;
- (d) the steps taken to augment domestic ethanol production capacity utilizing both sugarcane and grain-based feedstocks; and
- (e) the details of the pricing mechanisms implemented to ensure stable and remunerative prices for ethanol suppliers?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (c): Government has promoted ethanol blending with 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 (ESY) 2025-26. This target of 20% has been achieved in December 2025 due to the concerted efforts of the Government. During the previous ESY 2024-25, EBP Programme has resulted in savings of more than Rs. 43,300 crore of foreign exchange and approximately 217 lakh metric tonne of net CO₂ reduction.

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

(d) & (e): Government have taken several steps to augment domestic ethanol production capacity utilizing both sugarcane and grain-based feedstock, which *inter-alia*, includes expansion of feedstock for ethanol production, administered price mechanism for ethanol production under the EBP Programme for stable and remunerative ethanol prices, introduction of various Ethanol Interest Subvention Schemes (EISS) during 2018-22, a dedicated subvention scheme for Cooperative Sugar Mills to convert existing sugarcane-based distilleries into multi-feedstock plants for ethanol production from molasses as well as grains, Long-Term Offtake Agreements (LTOAs) between OMCs and Dedicated Ethanol Plants etc.
