

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2512
ANSWERED ON - 10/08/2026

**POLICY TO INTRODUCE ETHANOL AS A HOUSEHOLD COOKING FUEL
ALONGSIDE LPG**

2512. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

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

- (a) whether Government is actively drafting a policy, expected by September, 2026 to introduce Ethanol as a mainstream household cooking fuel alongside LPG, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the key components of the draft policy;
- (c) the steps being taken to use excess ethanol capacity as an alternative fuel to LPG and reduce imports of the fuel; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that shifting towards electric cooking and biogas could help India save more than ₹ 2 lakh crore (\$24 billion) in cumulative LPG subsidies by 2050?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d): Ethanol is not approved or mandated as a cooking fuel nor there is a policy under consideration.
