GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.884 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2017

Use of Diesel

884. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the use of Diesel to check air pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote alternative fuels other than diesel?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) & (b) There is no such specific proposal under consideration. However, Government has decided to advance the Bharat Stage IV norms to Bharat Stage VI by 1st April, 2020 to mitigate pollution from vehicular emission including diesel.
- (c) The Government has taken several steps to promote alternative fuels other than diesel which, *inter alia*, include development of National Bio-fuel policy for blending of 20% of ethanol in gasoline and 20% of bio-diesel in the diesel; National Electric Mobility Plan for environmentally friendly electric vehicles; introduction of cleaner / alternate fuels like gaseous fuel (CNG, LPG etc.); establishment of Auto LPG dispensing stations; setting up of Hydrogen Corpus Fund for supporting various Research and Development in various aspect of hydrogen etc.
