

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2017
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th JULY, 2018

Import of BTX

2017. SHRI KUNWAR BHARATENDRA :

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the additives like Benzene, Toluene and Xylene (BTX) are added to gasoline before being made available at petrol pumps and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said additives are produced domestically or are imported and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of and the rate at which BTX are being imported;and
- (d) the details of the other additives that may be added into gasoline to increase the octane rating of petrol and consequently improve fuel efficiency and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROELUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Benzene, Toluene and Xylene (BTX) are not separately added as additives to gasoline before being made available at petrol pumps.
- (b) & (c) Details of domestic production as well as import of BTX in the year 2016-17 are annexed.
- (d) Some of the PSU refineries are using N-Methyl Aniline based Octane Booster and Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ethers to increase Research Octane Number of petrol.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 2017 to be answered on 30.07.2018

Production and Import data of Benzene, Toluene & Xylenes

(All figures in Metric Tonne)

Product	2016-17		
	Production	Import	Value (Rs. Lakh)
Benzene	1332000	---	---
Toluene	127000	392749	183101
Xylenes			
Mixed Xylene	296000	113	125
Ortho-Xylene	445000	26275	14609
Para-Xylene	3161000	1195515	667002

Source: Chemical and Petrochemical statistics, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.