

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st DECEMBER, 2018

Ethanol Blending

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SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) has been implemented in all States/UTs identified for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposal from any of the States including West Bengal to increase the percentage of ethanol in petrol and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government/OMCs have fixed 8 per cent target for Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) during 2018-19 and placed order in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has approved Rs.4440 crore soft loans or interest subvention scheme for setting up ethanol plants in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the criteria laid down/modalities worked out by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Government is implementing Ethanol Blending Petrol (EBP) Programme through Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in twenty one States and four Union Territories wherein, Public Sector OMCs procure ethanol from ethanol manufacturers and sell upto 10% ethanol blended petrol.
- (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has not received proposal to increase the percentage of ethanol in petrol from State Governments.

(c) Public Sector OMCs procure ethanol from ethanol manufacturers and sell upto 10% ethanol blended petrol. For the ethanol supply year 2018-19, OMCs tendered a requirement of 329 crore litres of ethanol. OMCs have allocated 259.3 crore litres of ethanol with suppliers as on 23.12.2018.

(d) Government has notified a scheme namely - "Scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity" on 19.07.2018. Under the aforesaid Scheme, 114 proposals have been approved, involving a loan amount of Rs.6139.08 crore for grant of interest subvention.
