

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3877
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2023

Promotion of Green Fuel

†3877. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to promote green fuel in the country, especially in the States of Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and to open more retail outlets for the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes promotion and ensure availability of CNG and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open green fuel and CNG outlet in view of the heavy traffic movement in various parts of Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (e) Decarbonisation and adoption of environment friendly and low emission fuels in the country has been a constant endeavour of the Government. Accordingly, Government is promoting biofuels with the broader objectives of reducing import dependency, generating employment, providing better remuneration to farmers, for associated environmental benefits, promoting better waste management practices, etc. Various programmes such as Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, wherein Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) sell petrol blended with ethanol and Biodiesel blending programme, wherein biodiesel is blended with diesel have been taken up towards this end. The average ethanol blending percentage has increased from 1.53% in Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2013-14 to more than 10% in ESY 2021-22. In addition, Government is promoting alternative fuels which inter alia include Liquefied

Natural Gas (LNG), Green Hydrogen, etc for reduction in green house gas emissions as well as reduction in import dependence of fossil fuels.

Government has also launched Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) program for promoting Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) by enabling entrepreneurs in setting up of 5,000 CBG plants. SATAT Scheme envisages the target production of 15 MMTPA of CBG in India by FY 2023-24. As on 28.02.2023, 44 CBG/Bio-Gas plants have been set up in the country including 7 in state of Maharashtra.

Further, establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations is a part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network and the same is being carried out by the entities authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). In order to control pollution level in view of the heavy traffic movement in various parts of Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, 22 Geographical Areas (GAs) in Maharashtra, 1 GA in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and 2 GAs in Daman and Diu, have been authorised to set up CNG stations. As on 31.01.2023, a total of 5118 CNG Stations have been set up in the country including 708 in the State of Maharashtra, 7 in UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and 18 in UT of Daman and Diu.
