

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 16
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20 JULY, 2023

Uniformity in the Rates of Petroleum Products

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether several States and Union Territories have requested the Government to implement uniform rates of Petrol, Diesel and other Petroleum products throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has changed/revised the prices of Petroleum products during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons and justification for the said changes;
- (e) the share of crude oil import and domestic production in the total annual consumption of crude oil in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to reduce dependence on import and to develop alternatives to ensure availability of petroleum products at lower rates in the country along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 16 asked by Shri Rahul Kaswan to be answered on 20 July 2023 regarding “Uniformity in the Rates of Petroleum Products”.

(a) to (d): No Sir. Prices of petrol and diesel have been market-determined with effect from 26.06.2010 and 19.10.2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of petrol and diesel. Main components of petrol and diesel prices are Base Price, Excise Duty (levied by Centre Government), Value Added Tax (VAT) levied by State Governments and Dealer’s Commission. Prices across states vary mainly due to varying rates of VAT across the states. Table showing prices of petrol and diesel in state capitals/reference cities as on 18.07.2023 are at Annexure-I.

Central Government has reduced Central Excise duty by a total of Rs. 13/ litre and Rs. 16/ litre on petrol and diesel respectively in two tranches in November 2021 and May 2022. The excise reductions were fully passed on to consumers and retail prices fell as a result. The measure was aimed to give a further fillip to the economy and to boost consumption and keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes. Subsequently, many States/UTs have also reduced VAT rates on petrol and diesel.

India imports more than 60% of its domestic LPG consumption. Government continues to modulate the effective price of domestic LPG. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL) scheme, subsidy as admissible, is deposited in the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries. In addition, w.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has started a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg cylinder for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year for years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The details of monthly average Retail Selling Prices (RSP) of petrol and diesel at Delhi during the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

(e): Details of crude oil imported, production alongwith consumption of petroleum products for the last 3 years are as given below: -

(Million Metric Tonnes)

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (P)
Import of Crude Oil	196.5	212.4	232.7
Production of Crude Oil	30.5	29.7	29.2
Consumption of Petroleum Products	194.3	201.7	223.0

P: Provisional

(f): Government has adopted a five-pronged strategy comprising increasing domestic production of oil and gas, promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures, giving thrust on demand substitution, promoting biofuels and other alternate fuels/ renewables, EV charging

facilities and refinery process improvements for reducing the county's oil dependence on imported crude oil.

Various steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production of domestic crude oil and bring down imports. These inter-alia include Discovered Small Field Policy, Reforms in Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy for enhancing domestic exploration and production of Oil & Gas 2019, Natural Gas Marketing Reforms 2020, Policy to promote and incentivize enhanced recovery methods for Oil and Gas, Redevelopment of existing matured fields and development of new/marginal fields, Revival of Sick Wells, improving recovery factors through the implementation of Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) and Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) techniques, etc. Government has also provided functional freedom to national Oil Companies and promoted wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes through electronic single window mechanism.

In addition, Government launched National Biofuel Policy, 2018, to boost availability of biofuels in country and use of alternative clean fuels like ethanol, bio-diesel and bio-CNG through schemes for Ethanol Blending, Bio-diesel blending and Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation. Ethanol blending in Petrol during the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22 (December 2021-November 2022) is estimated to have had impact of over Rs. 22,600 Crore on the import bill of crude oil and petroleum products. The National Policy on Biofuels - 2018 as amended targets 20% blending of ethanol in petrol by ESY 2025-26. Public Sector OMCs have already achieved over 10% ethanol blending in petrol during Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2021-22. Sale of E-20 (20% ethanol blended petrol) fuel has also been launched in February, 2023.

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Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 16 asked by Shri Rahul Kaswan to be answered on 20.07.2023 regarding “Uniformity in the Rates of Petroleum Products”

(Rs. per litre)

State	Reference City	Petrol	Diesel
		as on 18.07.2023	
Delhi	Delhi	96.72	89.62
West Bengal	Kolkata	106.03	92.76
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	102.63	94.24
Tripura	Agartala	99.49	88.44
Mizoram	Aizawl	95.88	82.27
Haryana	Ambala	97.48	90.31
Karnataka	Bengaluru	101.94	87.89
Odisha	Bhubaneswar	103.19	94.76
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	96.2	84.26
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	95.33	90.33
Gujarat	Gandhinagar	96.63	92.38
Sikkim	Gangtok	102.5	89.7
Assam	Guwahati	98.03	90.33
Telangana	Hyderabad	109.66	97.82
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	108.65	93.9
Manipur	Imphal	101.23	87.15
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	92.78	82.2
Rajasthan	Jaipur	108.48	93.72
Maharashtra	Mumbai	106.31	94.27
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	97.5	83.26
Punjab	Jalandhar	98.01	88.34
Nagaland	Kohima	99.51	87.59
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	96.57	89.76
Goa	Panaji	97.68	90.23
Bihar	Patna	107.24	94.04
Puducherry	Puducherry	96.16	86.33
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair	84.1	79.74
Chhatisgarh	Raipur	102.45	95.44
Jharkhand	Ranchi	99.84	94.65
Meghalaya	Shillong	97.49	85.72
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	97.26	89.13
Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	101.34	86.59
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	109.73	98.53
Dadra And Nagar Haveli & Daman And Diu	Silvasa	94.43	89.98
Dadra And Nagar Haveli & Daman And Diu	Daman	94.31	89.86
Ladakh	Leh	103.59	88.85
Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	111.87	99.61
Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	108.06	103.08

Source: Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

Annexure-II

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Month	Petrol (Rs./Ltr) (Delhi)	Diesel (Rs./Ltr) (Delhi)
Apr-20	69.59	62.29
May-20	71.04	68.47
Jun-20	76.10	74.91
Jul-20	80.43	80.97
Aug-20	80.95	73.56
Sep-20	81.56	72.26
Oct-20	81.06	70.46
Nov-20	81.31	70.86
Dec-20	83.54	73.70
Jan-21	84.89	75.07
Feb-21	88.83	79.11
Mar-21	91.06	81.37
Apr-21	90.47	80.80
May-21	92.32	82.96
Jun-21	96.52	87.27
Jul-21	101.09	89.71
Aug-21	101.74	89.52
Sep-21	101.24	88.80
Oct-21	105.43	94.07
Nov-21	104.57	87.85
Dec-21	95.69	86.67
Jan-22	95.41	86.67
Feb-22	95.41	86.67
Mar-22	96.51	87.77
Apr-22	105.05	96.31
May-22	102.61	94.40
Jun-22	96.72	89.62
Jul-22	96.72	89.62
Aug-22	96.72	89.62
Sep-22	96.72	89.62
Oct-22	96.72	89.62
Nov-22	96.72	89.62
Dec-22	96.72	89.62
Jan-23	96.72	89.62
Feb-23	96.72	89.62
Mar-23	96.72	89.62
Apr-23	96.72	89.62
May-23	96.72	89.62
Jun-23	96.72	89.62
Jul-23(Till 18.07.2023)	96.72	89.62

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