LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1345 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th July 2023

Dependence on Petrol -Diesel

1345. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) Whether the dependence of countrymen on petrol-diesel for fuel has decreased during the last eight years; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली) MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (b): Details of consumption of petrol and diesel during 2015-16 to 2022-23 is as given below: -

Year	Consumption of Petrol (in MMT)	Consumption of Diesel (in MMT)
2015-16	21.8	74.6
2016-17	23.8	76.0
2017-18	26.2	81.1
2018-19	28.3	83.5
2019-20	30.0	82.6
2020-21	28.0	72.7
2021-22	30.8	76.7
2022-23 (P)	35.0	85.9

Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell

P: Provisional

The country has experienced sustained economic growth over the past few years resulting in increased industrialization, urbanization, and infrastructure development along which the total sales of vehicles has also risen. These are the major factors which have led to overall higher demand for transportation, energy, and fuel, driving up the consumption of Petrol and Diesel. Alongside, share of domestic sale of vehicles running on alternate fuels (other than Petrol and Diesel) has been consistently increasing over the last eight years. Government has also taken various initiatives like Ethanol Blending Programme, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT), Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG), Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in India (FAME India II) Scheme etc. for adoption of alternate fuels thereby reducing consumer dependence on petrol and diesel.