## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2478

TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

## ETHANOL BLENDING

2478. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to blend ethanol with petrol for use in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any target date and mixing percentage are fixed for the supply of Ethanol blended Petrol in our country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d): Government has introduced blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme with multiple objectives including reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits.

The target of 10% ethanol blending set in the 'Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25' for ESY 2021-22 has already been achieved and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have started selling E20 (20% ethanol blended) petrol across the country. Further, the National Policy on Biofuels – 2018 targets 20% blending of ethanol in petrol by Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26.

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