

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3024
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st December, 2023

UTILISATION OF BIODIESEL

3024. SHRI GHANSHYAM SINGH LODHI:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government during the last five years and the current year to promote utilisation of biodiesel as a sustainable fuel source in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has launched any policy during the said period with respect to procurement of biodiesel; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the procurement volume and production of biodiesel has been changed after the said policy?

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 (c): The steps taken by the Government during the last five years and the current year to promote utilisation of biodiesel *inter alia* include:
- i. Vide Gazette notification dated 30.04.2019, the Government has notified “Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019.” Subsequently, vide Amendment Order, 2019 the Government has permitted the direct sale of bio-diesel (B-100) for blending with high speed diesel to all consumers, in accordance with the specified blending limits and the standards specified by the Bureau of Indian Standards subject to the fulfillment of these guidelines.
 - ii. The Government has amended the National Policy on Biofuels-2018 in June 2022 wherein an indicative target of 5% blending of biodiesel in diesel /direct sale of biodiesel has been proposed by 2030.

- iii. GST rate for biodiesel supplied to the OMCs for blending with diesel has been reduced from 12% to 5 % from October 2021.
- iv. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are offering remunerative prices for procurement of biodiesel.
- v. Celebration of World Biofuel Day on 10th of August every year to promote biofuels.

The details of biodiesel procured by the OMCs since 2018-19 are as under:

Year	Quantity (Cr. Liters)
2018-19	8.29
2019-20	10.55
2020-21	0.587
2021-22	0.049
2022-23	6.057
2023-24 (Up to Nov'23)	29.25
