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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 193 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2019

Uniformity in Prices of Petrol/Diesel

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

- (a) the details of increase in prices of petrol and diesel and CNG in terms of percentage during the last three years in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has evaluated the increasing consumption of petrol during the last three years, if so, the details of the said increase in the consumption in terms of percentage and whether the increase in demand is in consonance with the increase in prices;
- (c) the factors taken into consideration for determination of the prices of petrol and petroleum products and the mechanism in place for the same;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to bring uniformity in prices of petrol, diesel and CNG across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time likely to be taken for the implementation of the said proposal and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The average price and percentage increase of petrol and diesel for the last three years is as under:-

Year	Petrol (₹/litre)	% increase over previous	Diesel (₹/ litre)	% increase over previous
		year		year
2016-17	64.61	4.9	53.24	13.25
2017-18	69.20	7.1	58.78	10.41
2018-19	75.37	8.9	68.22	16.06

Government of India has allocated domestic gas to GAIL for further distribution to various CGD entities for CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic) purpose. Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) determines the basic price of Natural gas as per new domestic natural gas pricing guidelines 2014 on 6 monthly basis. Basic price has increased from US \$ 2.50/MMBTU to US \$ 3.23/MMBTU in last 3 years which is an increase of 29%. However, retail price of CNG is determined by CGD entities after considering state taxes, tariff and other components.

(b) & (c) Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined by the Government 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 in line with international product prices, other market conditions, transportation cost, local taxes and levies. The Government modulates the effective cost to consumer for Subsidized Domestic LPG and Retail Selling Price of PDS Kerosene.

The details of consumption of petrol during the last three years is given as under:-

Financial Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Petrol consumption (in TMT)	23765	26174	28284
%Growth	9*	10	8

^{*} During the year 2015-16, petrol consumption (in TMT) was 21847.

(d) & (e) At present, there is no proposal to bring uniformity in retail prices of petrol, diesel and CNG across the country.