

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3174**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 15TH MARCH, 2021
PHALGUNA 24, 1942 (SAKA)**

TAX ON PETROL AND DIESEL

3174. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tax in rupees per litre collected from a consumer for petrol and diesel in every month of the year 2020;**
- (b) whether the prices of petrol and diesel in the international market were lower than the prices in India;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for collecting higher tax in spite of lower prices in the international market;**
- (d) whether the Government has evaluated the effects of petrol and diesel prices on inflation for the year 2020; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) The details of total central excise duty (including basic excise duty, cess and surcharge) on petrol and diesel in the year 2020 is given as under:

(in Rs/litre)

Commodity	1 st January to 13 th March (2020)	14 th March to 5 th May(2020)	6 th May to 31 st December (2020)
Petrol (unbranded)	19.98	22.98	32.98
Petrol (branded)	21.16	24.16	34.16
Diesel (unbranded)	15.83	18.83	31.83
Diesel (branded)	18.19	21.19	34.19

In addition to central excise duty, petrol and diesel attract state VAT, the rate of which varies from state to state.

(b) The prices of petroleum products in the country are benchmarked to international product prices. Generally, the price of petroleum products in the country are higher/lower than other countries due to a variety of factors, including prevailing tax regime and subsidy compensations by the respective Governments, the details of which are not maintained by the Government.

(c) The excise duty rates have been calibrated to generate resources for infrastructure and other developmental items of expenditure keeping in view the present fiscal position.

(d) and (e) Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C) inflation has declined from 7.59 per cent in January 2020 to 4.06 per cent in January 2021. CPI--'Petrol for vehicle' inflation has increased from 7.38 per cent in January 2020 to 12.53 per cent in January 2021. CPI--'Diesel for vehicle' inflation has increased from 6.44 per cent in January 2020 to 12.79 per cent in January 2021.

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