

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd August 2021**

Promotion of Bio-fuel

2113. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any project to reduce the import of crude oil and also a project for production of bio-fuel in view of surging prices of crude oil in International market;
- (b) if so, whether any system for the same is proposed in collaboration with any other country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the import of petroleum products during each of the last three years?

ANSWER

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

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has taken several steps to reduce import of Crude Oil inter alia demand substitution by promoting usage of natural gas as fuel/feedstock across the country towards increasing the share of natural gas in economy and moving towards gas based economy, promotion of renewable and alternate fuels like ethanol, second generation ethanol, compressed bio gas and biodiesel, refinery process improvements, promoting energy efficiency and conservation, efforts for increasing production of oil and natural gas through various policies under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Discovered Small Field Policy, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, etc. Government has also provided functional freedom to National Oil Companies and for wider private sector participation by streamlining approval processes including electronic single window mechanism; To give a major thrust to Ethanol Blending Programme, Government of India through Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are establishing 2G Ethanol plants across the country, also for promoting the use of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) as automotive fuel, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative has been launched under which Oil Marketing Companies are inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) from potential entrepreneurs to produce CBG.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 25th January, 2020 between the Republic of India and the Federative Republic of Brazil on bioenergy cooperation which aimed at exchange of best practices in this field between the two Governments and Centres of Excellence in the two countries.

(c) Details of the import of petroleum products for the last three years are as below:

Years	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (P)
Import of Petroleum Products (<i>in Million Metric Tonne</i>)	33.3	43.8	43.5
