

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 370
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd February, 2022

STORAGE FOR NATURAL FUEL

370. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government for storage and maintenance of natural fuel in future;
- (b) whether any other resource besides Natural Gas is also being considered as an alternative and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering that pollution free vehicles would be needed in future; 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 AND
NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): While storage of Natural Gas is presently not being done by the Government, Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), a Government of India company, has established crude oil storage facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) at 3 locations, namely (i) Vishakhapatnam (1.33 MMT), (ii) Mangaluru (1.5 MMT) and (iii) Padur (2.5 MMT) under Phase I of Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) programme.

(b): Ethanol, Compressed Bio Gas, Hydrogen etc have been promoted by the Government as alternative fuels through schemes such as Ethanol Blending Program (EBP), Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) etc.

(c) and (d): The Government has initiated various measures for promotion of pollution free vehicles including introduction of Bharat Stage (BS) VI fuels, Electric Vehicle through national flagship schemes such as Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in India (FAME India II) scheme, National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Automobile and Auto Components.