

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4622
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2022

Conservation of Petroleum Wealth

4622. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for the conservation of petroleum wealth in the country along with the funds earmarked for the same;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for the increased use of ethylene blended petrol and diesel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Various activities are undertaken on an ongoing basis for conservation of petroleum wealth. These inter-alia include :-

i) Engaging general masses and stakeholders of various sectors with a comprehensive set of activities pertaining to fuel conservation and energy efficiency through,

- Training/Workshops in Industrial units
- Training of drivers on fuel efficiency improvement programme in Depots under various State Transport Undertakings
- Conducting Agricultural workshops, participation in Kisan Melas
- Education and awareness campaign for students
- Extensive media campaigns in social media, TV, Radio, etc

- Development of a number of films, radio jingles and printed literature in various languages.
- ii) Promoting research and development aimed at petroleum conservation & environment protection, supporting and facilitating efforts for adoption and dissemination of fuel-efficient technologies and substitution of petroleum products with alternate fuels and renewable.
- iii) Carrying out SAKSHAM, an annual mass conservation drive of one month, all over the country with a large number of activities on fuel conservation.
- iv) Assisting in policy formulation for energy conservation and fuel efficiency norms for Heavy Duty/Large and Medium commercial vehicles and labelling programme for LPG stoves, PNG stoves, Tyres and Tractors, etc.

In addition to expenditure incurred by Oil and Gas PSUs (Public Sector Undertakings) on petroleum conservation activities, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) has incurred Rs. 76.28 crore during the financial year 2020-21.

(b) & (c): At present, there is no proposal for use of ethylene blended petrol and diesel. However, the National Policy on Biofuels-2018 provides an indicative target of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol and 5% blending of bio-diesel in diesel by 2030. The Government has advanced the target of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol to 2025-2026.
