

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3154
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th August, 2022

National Policy on Biofuels

3154. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the progress made towards the target of twenty per cent ethanol blending in petrol by 2030 as stated in the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 including the current percentage of the same;
- (b) the current percentage of blending of biodiesel in diesel;
- (c) whether the Government is adhering to the indicative target of five per cent blending of biodiesel in diesel by 2030 as proposed by the above stated Policy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the progress made towards achieving this target; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL
GAS
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(a): For the ongoing Ethanol Supply Year (ESY 2021-22), Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have achieved 10.16% blending as on 24th July, 2022. Further, the Government has advanced the target of 20% ethanol blending in petrol from 2030 to 2025-26. In pursuance of the *Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25*, OMCs accordingly floated an Expression of Interest (EoI) for signing long term offtake / bipartite agreement with upcoming dedicated ethanol plants in ethanol deficit states for supply of denatured anhydrous ethanol in August, 2021.

(b) to (e): In line with the indicative target as per the National Policy on Biofuels - 2018, Public Sector OMCs floated Expression of Interest (EoIs) for procurement of biodiesel, in response to which OMCs have issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) for 42 biodiesel plants having cumulative annual biodiesel production capacity of about 34 crore litres. The current percentage of blending of biodiesel in diesel is less than 1%.
