

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th August, 2024

NATIONAL BIOFUEL POLICY

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of biofuel/biodiesel companies functioning in Tamil Nadu and the quantum of fuels produced by them in a year;
- (b) whether India's import of petroleum products went down after the implementation of National Biofuel Policy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL
GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a): Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has informed that the existing ethanol production capacity in the State of Tamil Nadu is 22 crore litres per annum, spread across 13 ethanol producers. Out of these 13 ethanol producers in Tamil Nadu, 8 are registered with Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). 7 of these have supplied more than 1.5 crore litres of ethanol during Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2022-23. Further, there are 6 bio-diesel vendors registered with OMCs from Tamil Nadu, who have supplied approximately 1.5 crore litres of bio-diesel during Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. In addition, under Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of the Government, 6 Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) projects have been commissioned in Tamil Nadu with an installed capacity of 40 tons per day.

(b) & (c): The Government has notified the National Policy on Bio-Fuels 2018, as amended in 2022 with multiple objectives of reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. Since ESY 2013-14, more than 2000 crore litres of ethanol, and more than 98 crore litres of bio-diesel (since FY 2015-16) have been procured by the OMCs for blending with petrol and diesel respectively. Under the EBP Programme, Public Sector OMCs have saved 509 crore litres of petrol on account of ethanol blending during the ESY 2022-23 resulting in approximate savings of more than Rs. 24,300 crore of foreign exchange.
