

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2874
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th December, 2024

ETHANOL BLENDING IN PETROL

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes for ethanol blending in petrol in order to reduce the dependence on import of crude oil from other countries and to save India's foreign exchange for undertaking the infrastructure developmental projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the roadmap of the Government to sell ethanol blended petrol in the market along with the country's foreign exchange that can be saved in a particular year?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): Government has been promoting blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme with multiple objectives including reducing import dependence, savings in foreign exchange, providing boost to domestic agriculture sector and for associated environmental benefits. During the last ten years (as on 30.09.2024), ethanol blending in petrol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) has resulted in approximate savings of more than Rs. 1,08,655 crore of foreign exchange and crude oil substitution of about 185 lakh metric tonnes.

(c): The Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25, prepared by an Inter-Ministerial Committee estimated average ethanol blending targets for Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2020-21 to ESY 2025-26. Public Sector OMCs have achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol in June, 2022 i.e. five months ahead of the target during ESY 2021-22. Blending of ethanol further increased to 12.06% in ESY 2022-23 and approx. 14.6% during ESY 2023-24. As per the Roadmap, a successful E-20 programme can save the country about 4 billion US Dollar (USD) per annum.
