LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2433 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th March, 2025

ETHANOL BLENDED FUEL IN MADHYA PRADESH

2433. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether, as per current progress, the Government is on way to achieve targeted 20% ethanol blending of petrol by the year 2025;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plans to roll out the ethanol blended fuel in the Madhya Pradesh and also to set up 2G ethanol bio-refineries for the production of ethanol especially in the districts of Panna, Katni and town of Khajuraho of district Chhatarpur so as to help Sugarcane farmers in realising better price; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and 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) The National Policy on Biofuels – 2018, as amended in 2022, *inter-alia* advanced the target of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol to Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26 from 2030. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (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, 14.60% in ESY 2023-24 and 17.98% in ESY 2024-25 upto 28th February 2025. For the month of February 2025, ethanol blending of 19.68% was achieved by Public Sector OMCs.

(b) to (c) Under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, the Public Sector OMCs are currently selling upto 20% ethanol blended petrol based on availability of ethanol across the country including in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The Government had notified the "Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana" 2019, amended in 2024, to provide financial support for integrated bio-ethanol projects for setting up Advanced Biofuels projects in the country using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock. Under this scheme, a total of 14 commercial scale proposals and 8 demonstration scale proposals were submitted for approval, of which 8 commercial scale proposals and 4 demonstration scale proposals have been approved. No proposal has been received under this scheme from the state of Madhya Pradesh.
