

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3232
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Daily Consumption of Petroleum Products

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the daily consumption of petroleum oils in India;
- (b) the types of petroleum oils produced and used in the cars across the country;
- (c) whether there are any parameters used to fix the rates of the petroleum products in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the monitoring system in place for fixing the rates and ensuring qualities of these products?

ANSWER

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(a) As per Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC), details of consumption of Petroleum Products like MS (Petrol), HSD (Diesel), LPG, Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) etc., for FY 2024-25 (till February) is as follows:

FY	Annual Consumption (MMT)	Daily Consumption (MMT)
2024-25 (Till Feb-25)	218.3	0.654

(b) MS, HSD and Auto LPG are major petroleum products which are produced and used in the cars across the country.

(c) to (d) Prices of Petrol and Diesel are market determined and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take decisions on their pricing based on various factors, which include crude oil prices, international product prices, exchange rates, tax structures, inland freight, insurance etc. Further, price of LPG in the country is linked to its price in the international market.

Government have also issued the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005 under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 which provides for punitive action against malpractices such as adulteration of petroleum products. Further, in June, 2022, Government have extended the scope of

Universal Service Obligations (USOs) to all retail outlets including remote area retail outlets for providing quality and uninterrupted fuel supply to the consumers.

Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have formulated and implemented Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) for checking irregularities or malpractices at Retail Outlet (RO) Dealerships. Action is taken in case of established irregularities against erring dealers as per MDG guidelines and the Dealership agreement.

Regular/Surprise inspections are carried out by OMCs' officials periodically at the Retail Outlets to check irregularities/malpractices and action is taken as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the Dealership Agreement. The important initiatives taken in this regard, inter alia, include:

(i) Availability of filter paper, calibrated density equipment (hydrometer / thermometer) & 5 liter calibrated measure for quality checks and delivery of correct quantity of MS/HSD.

(ii) Regular/ Surprise inspections at Retail Outlets by OMCs' Field Officers/ Senior Officers/ Quality Reassurance Cell (QRC) teams throughout the country. In case of irregularities, action is taken as per the MDG and Dealership Agreement.

(iii) Surprise inspections by OMC Mobile labs, wherein samples of petrol and diesel from Retail Outlets are drawn and tested.

(iv) Dispensing units are periodically calibrated and sealed by the Weights and Measure Department to ensure correct quantity and to avoid the tampering of the dispensing units.

(v) Random sampling from Retail Outlets for testing at authorized laboratories.

(vi) Installation of GPS to monitor movement of Tank Trucks carrying MS/ HSD.

(vii) Sealing of Tank Trucks before leaving Company premises to protect against pilferage / adulteration enroute. Tamper proof locking system has been introduced in tank trucks delivering petrol / diesel at Retail Outlets. A 3-tier sampling system is followed to help ascertain the point where adulteration could have taken place.

(viii) Automation of all active Retail Outlets to capture the data for better monitoring of RO operations. OMCs have completed automation at 80471 Retail Outlets out of total 84882 Retail Outlets as on 31.12.2024.
