

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3263
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th March, 2026

IMPACT OF ETHANOL BLENDING PROGRAMME

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the country has achieved the target of twenty per cent ethanol blending in July, 2025, five years ahead of the originally scheduled timeline, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of retail outlets dispensing E20 fuel and the geographical spread of E20 availability across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of cumulative foreign exchange savings and environmental benefits achieved through the Ethanol Blending Programme; and
- (d) the roadmap prepared by the Government for further enhancing ethanol production capacity and increasing blending levels beyond E20 levels?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): Government has promoted blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme. The National Policy on Biofuels – 2018, as amended in 2022, inter-alia, advanced the target of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol from 2030 to Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025–26 (1st November, 2025 to 31st October, 2026). This target of 20% has been achieved in December, 2025 due to the concerted efforts of Government that have led to increased ethanol blending with petrol from 38 crore litres in ESY 2013-14 to over 1000 crore litres in ESY 2024-25. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol in June 2022, i.e. five months ahead of the target during ESY 2021–22. Ethanol blending levels thereafter increased to 12.06% in ESY 2022–23, 14.60% in ESY 2023–24, and 19.24% in ESY 2024–25. During the ESY 2025–26, as on 28.02.2026, more than 353 crore litres of ethanol have been blended, achieving an average ethanol blending of 20% in petrol.

EBP Programme has resulted in expeditious payment to farmers to a tune of over Rs. 1,50,925 crore from Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2014-15 up to February 2026, besides savings of more than Rs. 1,70,560 crore of foreign exchange, net CO2 reduction of approximately 869 lakh metric tonne and substitution of more than 289 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil.

All retail outlets of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) across the mainland of the country, having petrol selling facilities, dispense E20 petrol.

At present, the ethanol blending with petrol is at 20%.
