ETHANOL BLENDING IN PETROL

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

(a) whether the Government is about to achieve the target of 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol by the year 2025 as per the current progress report;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce ethanol blended fuel and to set up ethanol bio-refineries in Gujarat, especially in Bhuj, Abdasa, Gandhidham, Rapar, Mandvi and Anjar talukas for production of ethanol so that sugarcane farmers may get better prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a):   The National Policy of Biofuels-2018 provided indicative targets of 20% blending of ethanol in petrol by Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have achieved the targets of 10% ethanol blending during ESY 2021-22 and 12% during ESY 2022-23. E20 (20% ethanol blended petrol) fuel has already been launched in February, 2023 and is being sold by Public Sector OMCs at more than 8500 retail outlets.

(b) to (d): Under Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, PSU OMCs are selling ethanol blended petrol throughout the country including Gujarat. Further, in order to enhance the ethanol production capacity in the country to achieve the blending targets set under EBP Programme, the Government has notified various ethanol interest subvention schemes from July 2018 to April 2022 and is facilitating entrepreneurs to set up new distilleries (molasses based, grain-based and dual-feed based) or expansion of existing distilleries (molasses based, grain-based and dual-feed based) throughout the country. Under this scheme 27 such projects have been approved in the state of Gujarat.

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