

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st August, 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 of import of crude oil from other countries and to save India's foreign exchange for undertaking developmental projects on infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the roadmap of the Government to sell ethanol blended petrol in the market; and
- (d) the details of the country's foreign exchange that can be saved in a particular year?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM &
NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a) & (b): Government is 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. Under EBP Programme, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have saved 509 crore litres of petrol on account of ethanol blending during the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2022-23 (1st December, 2022 to 31st October, 2023) resulting in approximate savings of more than Rs. 24,300 crore of foreign exchange.

(c) & (d): As per the "Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25", the estimated requirement for 20% ethanol blending in ESY 2025-26 is approximately 1016 crore litres and this quantity of petrol will be replaced by ethanol. As per the Roadmap, a successful E20 program can save the country about 4 billion US Dollar (USD) per annum.
