

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2832
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th August, 2024

ADOPTION RATE OF ETHANOL BLENDED FUEL

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the increase in adoption rate of ethanol blended fuel since 2014;
- (b) the increase in the number of ethanol blending outlets since 2014; and
- (c) the amount of foreign exchange saved by ethanol blending, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government has been promoting blending of ethanol in petrol under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme wherein Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) sell petrol blended with ethanol. Under EBP Programme, the blending of ethanol with petrol increased from 38 crore litres in ESY 2013-14 to more than 500 crore litres in ESY 2022-23 with corresponding increase in blending percentage from 1.53% to 12.06%. During the current ESY 2023-24, the blending percentage has already crossed 13%.

(b): Since 2014, the number of retail outlets selling ethanol blended petrol has increased steadily. In 2014, ethanol blended petrol was sold from 27,900 retail outlets of PSU OMCs which has increased to all retail outlets across the country in 2024.

(c): Under EBP Programme, the approximate foreign exchange savings due to Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) from Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2018-19 to ESY 2022-23 is as follows:

ESY (1 st December – 30 th November)	Approximate foreign exchange impact (in Rupees Crore)
2018-19	5500
2019-20	3500
2020-21	10100
2021-22	22500
2022-23* *(1 st December – 31 st October)	24300
