

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether a large number of transporters have argued in favour of introducing ULSD as it does not involve high capital cost unlike compressed natural gas (CNG); and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): Many transport organizations, namely Indian Tourist Transporters Association, Delhi Contract Bus Association, DTC, DTC Private Bus Operators Welfare Association, Indian Association of Tour Operators have made representation to the Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority for National Capital Region (NCR) in favour of using diesel of maximum 0.05% sulphur content.

Presently the country is in the process of switching over from Euro-I equivalent vehicle technology to Euro-II equivalent vehicle technology for which 0.05% max. sulphur content diesel is the required specification. Diesel meeting this specification is being produced in the country. Engine technologies that need diesel having lower sulphur content are yet to be developed/tested in the country. Ultra - low sulphur diesel is, therefore, not required at present.